

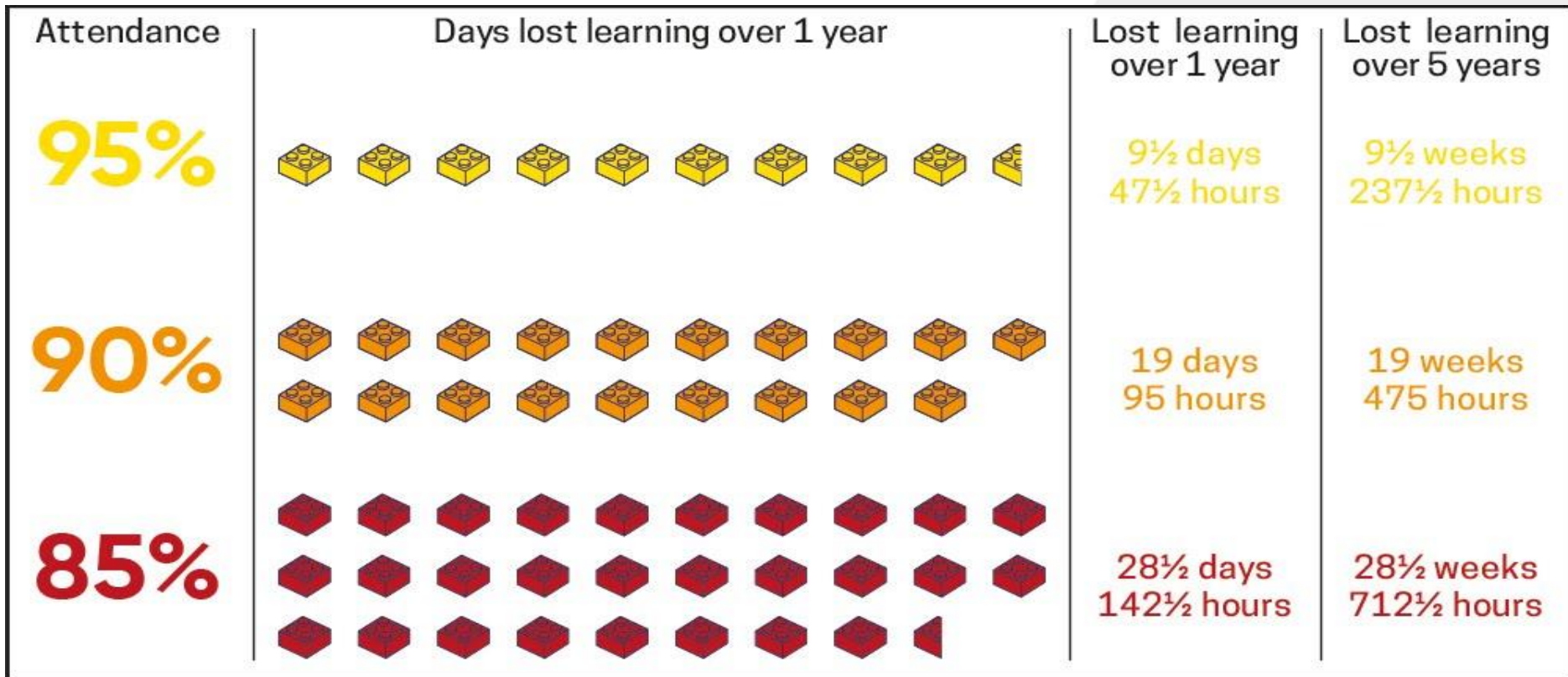
# Hessle High School Attendance

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## *What is good attendance?*

**95%** is generally considered good; this allows for children to miss **9.5** days across the school year

Our target for 2021/22 is a minimum of **96%** or above, this allows for children to miss **7** days across the school year. Grades are affected once attendance falls below **96%**

Persistent absence (PA) is defined as **90%** or below, this allows for children to miss **19** days across the school year

## *Absence we will authorise*



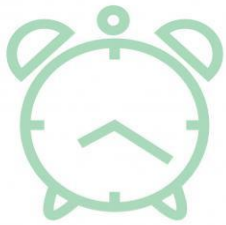
- Sickness (if current attendance is 96% or more)
- Unavoidable medical/dental appointments when supported by medical evidence
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances i.e. bereavement
- If permission for absence has been granted by the Headteacher



## *Absence we will not authorise*

- Parents/carers keep children off school unnecessarily i.e. birthdays, shopping, visiting family
- Absence for illness if child's current attendance is below 96%, unless medical evidence is provided
- Truancy
- Any absence of 5 or more days not supported by medical evidence

# Punctuality



STRIVE TO BE ON TIME  
**EVERY**   
**MINUTE**  
**COUNTS**

MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY =	3.4 days 98.4% attendance
10 MINUTES A DAY =	6.9 days 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY =	10.3 days 94.6% attendance
20 MINUTES A DAY =	13.8 days 92.9% attendance
30 MINUTES A DAY =	20.7 days 89.2% attendance

- School begins promptly at **08:30**, students should be punctual to maximise their learning
- Students receive a lunchtime detention for arriving after 08:30
- Late after 09:00 is recorded as an unauthorised mark for the morning session
- The parent/carer of any student, late 4 or more times in a half term, will receive a call home



## *Term time holiday*

- No holidays will be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances and only at the discretion of the Headteacher
- Students are in school **190** days out of **365**, this leaves **175** days for holidays. If holidays are taken during term time without authorisation, parents/carers may incur a penalty notice and possible fine
- Missing time during the first year at a new school or the beginning of a term can lead to problems, for example, knowing what to bring to lessons, timetable mix-ups, making new friends etc.

# Illness



If your child feels “under the weather” please provide appropriate relief/medication and send them to school whenever possible. We expect your child to attend if they have a minor illness that can be managed in school. There’s a useful DfE page that advises on illness and Public Health guidance on when a child should be kept home from school.

Students feeling unwell during the school day report to the sick bay based in the Reception area. They will be assessed, and if necessary, parents called to collect their child.

Hand gels in school to ensure good hygiene within school.



# Parental Role



- Parents to inform the school on the **first** day of absence – we will notify you of any unexplained absence
- Communicate if your child refuses to attend school, we can work together to stop it becoming an entrenched pattern
- Please be positive about school - set up routines supporting students to get to school everyday and on time
- When necessary, please seek support from, and communicate regularly with, teachers and school staff
- Please communicate and work with us in helping your child attend regularly and achieve the best they can.

# *Positive Environment*



- We create a culture that models and values punctuality
- Implement effective and supportive transition programs with other local schools to enhance transitions and improve attendance
- Create a teaching culture that recognises and supports individual learning differences
- Wellbeing support available for students who are anxious about attending school



## *Dealing with absence*

- Home visits – by Attendance Manager on the fifth day of any unexplained absences, or earlier if felt necessary. A card will be posted through the letterbox if no one is at home, asking to contact school as a matter of urgency, failure to contact us within 24 hours of the visit, may result in us reporting the child as missing to the Local Authority
- Letter sent when child's attendance dips below 96%
- Persistent Absentee students (90% attendance and below) supported by Attendance Plan
- Referrals to Education Welfare Service which may result in a fine being issued or lead to prosecution

# Attendance team

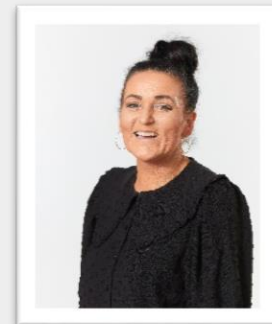


- Monitors attendance daily and contacts parents as a matter of urgency regarding any unexplained absence
- Tracks progress towards attendance goals
- Communicates with parents and students about issues as they arise
- Work with parents of persistent absentees
- Promote the importance of punctuality and attendance to everyone
- Work together to ensure your child achieves their full potential

## Attendance Team



Attendance Manager:  
Mrs K McDonald



Attendance Officer:  
Ms T Brown

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# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

# Useful contacts for external support



EHASH Early Help and Safeguarding Hub		Tel: 01482 395500
Hull and East Yorkshire MIND	<a href="https://www.heywind.org.uk/">https://www.heywind.org.uk/</a>	Tel: 01482 240200 Text: 07520 633447
CAMHS Child Adolescent Mental Health Services	<a href="http://camhs.humber.nhs.uk/">http://camhs.humber.nhs.uk/</a>	EastRiding: 01482 303810 24hr Crisis Team: 01482 301701
NHS Advice numbers for medical issues	<a href="https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/urgent-and-emergency-care/nhs-111/">https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/urgent-and-emergency-care/nhs-111/</a> If you have difficulties communicating or hearing you can: Call 18001 111 on a text phone	Urgent medical problem but unsure what to do? Call 111, 24 hours a day 365 days a year.
F.I.S.H Families Information Support Hub		Tel: 01482 396469
Samaritans		Tel: 0330 094 5717 116 123 (Free)

