

# Iver Village Junior School

# Attendance Newsletter

## Attendance Year To Date

	Cairo	Cardiff	London	Lisbon	Paris	Prague	Washington	Warsaw
Attendance	95%	95%	96%	97%	95%	94%	96%	98%
Lates	12	5	17	7	7	5	5	5

## Aut 1 2023

### Attendance Officer

Mr Clifford

### Attendance Assistant

Miss Lainsbury

## School Times

8:45am – 3:15pm

### Doors open:

8:45am

Parents are responsible for the safety of their children until doors open.

### Register closes:

8:55am

Any children arriving after 8:55am will need to sign in at the Front Office where they will be marked late.

### Unauthorised Late:

9:25am

Any children arriving after 9:25am will be marked in as an unauthorised absence.

Our office email is

[office@ivjs.school](mailto:office@ivjs.school)

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## Attendance Matters Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the Autumn issue of the Attendance Matters Newsletter. We have started the new school year 2023/2024 with a renewed positivity. We ended last year on 93.4% attendance however we have started the year on 95.9% which is incredible!

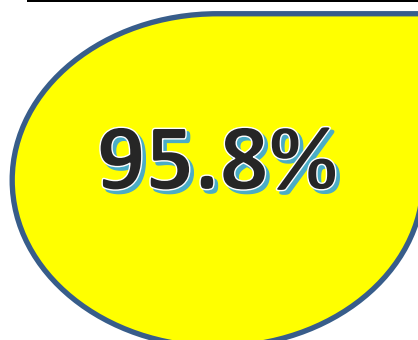
We speak about the importance of Attendance in our Friday Assemblies and we reward any classes with over 96% or more with a Movie Ticket and the winning class with biscuits! Furthermore, we have introduced an individual reward called the 'Wheel of Fortune'. Any child with 100% attendance for that week will enter a prize draw to win a book!

Please support us in our drive to ensure that we reach our magic target of 96% attendance for this school year of 2023/2024.

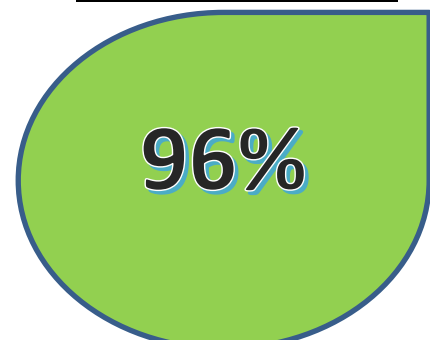
## 'THANK YOU'

A big 'thank you' to all of the parents who are working with us to improve our attendance. If your child has a cough or a cold, we still expect your child to be attending school. When dropping off your child, please inform a member of staff of your worries. Please be assured, our staff will look after your child and the office will contact you if we are concerned in anyway. Please remember that medicine can be held and administered in school e.g. Calpol. Through our monitoring, we have noticed that the number of children late for school is increasing. Please remind yourselves of the times the school opens (on the left) to ensure your child does not miss any more of their education.

### Whole School Attendance



### Whole School Target





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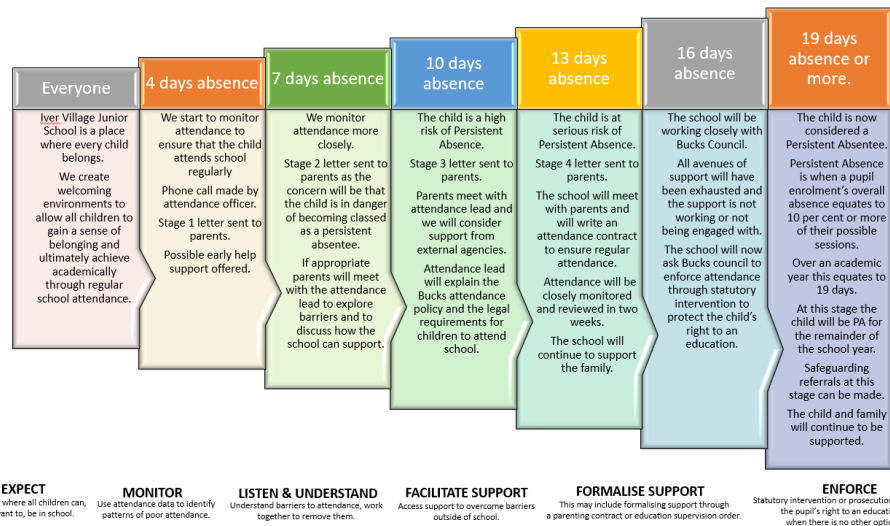
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## What is irregular attendance?

At IVJS, we want every child to meet their potential and in order to do this they need to be attending school regularly. **Irregular attendance** is defined by the government as a child missing 10% or more of the school year, this equates to **19 days**. The government uses the term as **persistent absentee** to describe a child who misses 19 days in a year.

We know that it is not always possible for a child to attend school every day, as they do occasionally become ill. As always, when we monitor attendance, we will be using a common-sense approach. However, we are required to monitor attendance and act on poor attendance by following the Council's policy. We will always work with you and try to support you if there are barriers to your child attending regularly.

IVJS is a place where every child belongs. We create a welcoming environment to allow all children to gain a sense of belonging and ultimately achieve academically through regular school attendance. Below we have made a flow chart to show the processes and also to show you how quickly your child could be classed as a **persistent absentee**.



### UNACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

A cough, the common cold, birthday treat, tiredness, meeting relatives, sibling unwell, new baby, Mum/Dad unwell, holidays, not being able to bring your child to school. We do ask for more information other than just 'unwell'.

### MY CHILD IS GENUINELY ILL

If your child is genuinely ill then, of course, they will need to remain at home. Please contact the school office before 8:45am to leave a message on our answer-phone service, with an absence reason (specific details are required, as 'unwell' is not sufficient).

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## Helpful tips

- ✚ Make sure your child understands why school is important
- ✚ Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school
- ✚ Get everything ready the night before school
- ✚ Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays
- ✚ Talk to us about Breakfast Club – we may be able to help!
- ✚ Set off a little earlier every day – maybe meet your friends before school

## Movie Token



Any class which achieves a weekly attendance of **96%** or above will receive a **MOVIE** token. If they collect 6 tokens then will a **Movie Afternoon Treat**.

## Wheel of Fortune



Any child with **100%** attendance for that week will enter the **'Wheel Of Fortune'** prize draw! The winner will be drawn live with a chance to win a **book!**