

# Iver Village Junior School

# Attendance Newsletter

**Spr 1 24/25**

**Senior Attendance Champion**  
Mr Clifford

**Attendance Champion**  
Miss Lainsbury

## School Times

**8:45am – 3:15pm**

### Doors open:

**8:40am** - Parents are responsible for the safety of their children until doors open and their child is in the school building.

### 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)  
01753 653 059

## Attendance Year to Date

	Cairo	Cardiff	London	Lisbon	Paris	Prague	Washington	Warsaw
<b>Attendance</b>	95.5%	92.2%	95.2%	93.7%	93.7%	95.9%	93.2%	93.8%
<b>Lates</b>	64	46	18	117	34	28	29	40

## IVJS cares about attendance

Hello and welcome to the Spring 1 issue of the Attendance Newsletter. Every single day we talk about the importance of attendance in school – and we really care! We are just above national average with our attendance currently sitting at **94.2%** compared to **94.4%** nationally.

A big **'thank you'** to all of the parents who have been working together with us to ensure our attendance is remains good.

## 100% Attendance Challenge

We are currently running a 100% attendance challenge in every class. If your child's class achieves 100% attendance for a week they will automatically win a Movie Afternoon Treat!

Two weeks ago, Cairo achieved this – reaching the hallowed 100% - and the whole school attendance improved by 1.53% from 95.03% to 96.53%.

## Support meetings for parents

We are now halfway through the school year. Over the next few weeks, Mr Clifford will be looking at the whole school attendance. He will identify any children with irregular attendance (less than 90%) and will contact parents who will then be sent a support letter or be invited to attend a support meeting in school. A support meeting will discuss any barriers to school and create a plan to help improve attendance going forward. The attendance of these children will be monitored for the next 3 weeks. Sadly, if there is no improvement, then the County Attendance team will be contacted.

### Whole School Attendance

**94.24%**

### Persistent Absenteeism (PA)

**18.66%**

### National Average YTD

**94.4%**

### National PA YTD

**18.6%**



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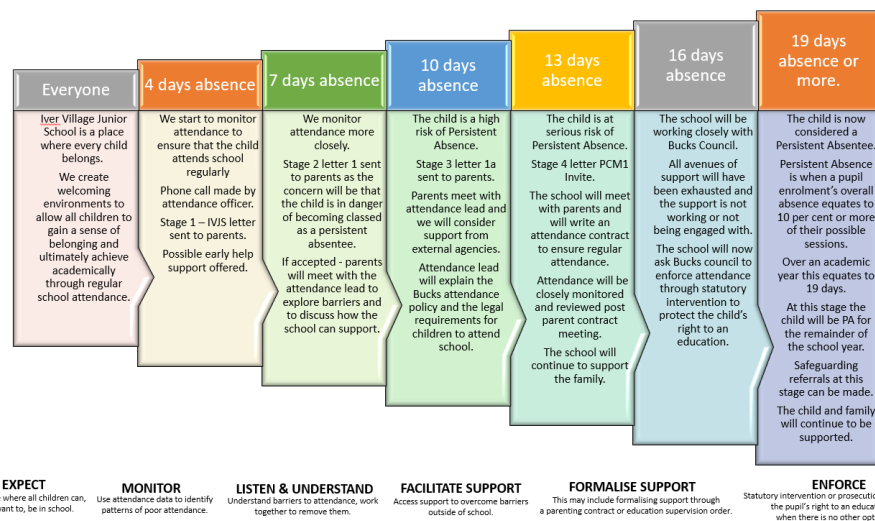
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## What is irregular attendance?

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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## Letters and phone calls to parents

In accordance with our Attendance policy, we will send out letters to parents regarding any children that have been absent from school for 4 or more days. All absences count towards the number of days your child is out - regardless of whether they are authorised or not. Please contact Mr Clifford if you wish to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's attendance.

### Movie Token



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