

Iver Village Junior School

Attendance Newsletter

Spr 2024

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
01753 653 059

Attendance Year To Date

	Cairo	Cardiff	London	Lisbon	Paris	Prague	Washington	Warsaw
Attendance	95%	94%	96%	95%	93%	91%	96%	96%
Lates	42	33	55	30	64	36	20	24

Every child, every day, every chance

Hello and welcome to the Spring 1 issue of the Attendance Newsletter. If every child is in every day then they have every chance of making progress in school. We are above national average with our attendance currently sitting at **94.6%** compared to **93.1%** nationally.

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

We are almost through it

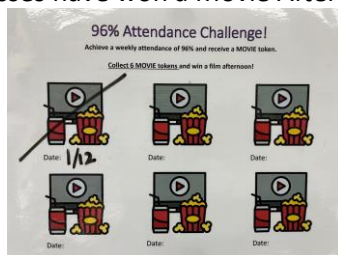
We have had a very difficult half term with illness in and around the school. Many children have been very poorly in recent weeks with Prague Class recording 66% attendance one week.

However, there is light at the end of the tunnel and we are almost through the worst of it.

I hope you used half term to recuperate and recover in time for a fun packed second half of the term which will include Cuffley Camp trip and the Swimming Pool.

Movie Token

3 classes have won a Movie Afternoon!



Wheel of Fortune

Megan won the book – who will be next?



Whole School Attendance

94.6%

Persistent Absenteeism (PA)

16.5%

National Average YTD

93.1%

National PA 2022/2023

20.5%



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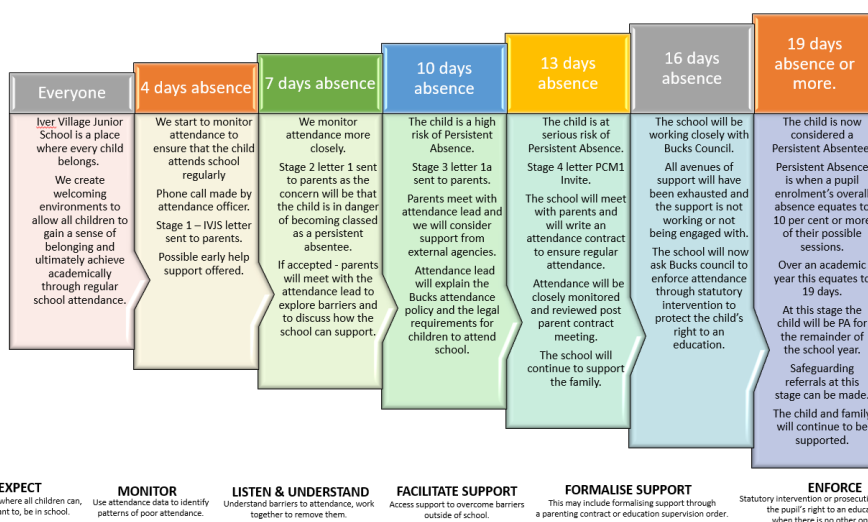
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What is irregular attendance?

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**.



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 to parents

In accordance with our Attendance policy, we have started to 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 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!**