WHY IT MATTERS

Being in school means being part of it

School is where learning, friendships, confidence and daily routines grow. Every day gives your child another chance to feel connected and make progress.

FOR YOUR CHILD, GOOD ATTENDANCE HELPS THEM

- keep up with learning and avoid gaps becoming harder to close
- feel included in their class, friendships and wider school life
- build secure routines and confidence
- access the support and opportunities that school offers

THE MESSAGE

If school feels difficult, the answer is not to struggle alone. A quick conversation early can make a real difference.



A SIMPLE PICTURE

Small absences add up

There are 190 school days in a year. Even a little time away from school soon becomes a lot of missed learning and shared experiences.

Attendance	Time missed in a year
100%	No absence
95%	About 10 days
90%	About 19 days
80%	About 38 days

A USEFUL MARKER

Attendance at 90% or below is described nationally as persistent absence. We will always seek to understand the reasons and work with you on practical support.

A CALM START MATTERS

Gates open at 8.35am and school starts at 8.45am. Arriving on time helps children settle and not miss the start of learning.

ONE SMALL ACTION TODAY

Save the school number and talk to us early if school is becoming difficult.

DRYBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Attendance guide for parents and carers

Be here	for learning
Be here	for friendship
Be here	for confidence

We are here to help.

01594 542448
admin@dbp.fodt.co.uk

NEED A HAND?

Talk to us early

It can be hard to say that getting to school is difficult. You do not need to have all the answers before contacting us.

WE CAN WORK WITH YOU TO

- listen to you and your child
- understand what is making attendance difficult
- agree a small, realistic plan and a time to review it
- consider support or advice from other services where helpful

THREE USEFUL FIRST STEPS

1	Save the school number
2	Tell us early if routines are difficult
3	Agree one next step together

A supportive conversation early is often the most important first step.



WHEN YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL

Keep us informed

Telephone the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence. Please tell us your child's name, the reason for absence and, if known, when you expect them to return.

APPOINTMENTS

Please arrange routine medical and dental appointments outside school hours whenever possible. If this is not possible, let us know in advance and provide evidence if requested.

HELPFUL ROUTINE

Prepare bags, clothes and breakfast the evening before. Leave a little extra time in the morning so that the school day can begin calmly.

NEED TO REPORT AN ABSENCE?

Call the school office
01594 542448

LEAVE DURING TERM TIME

Please ask first

There is no automatic right to take leave during term time. Requests must be made in advance and may only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Holidays are not normally exceptional circumstances.

IF ATTENDANCE IS A CONCERN

We will contact you early, listen to the circumstances and agree appropriate next steps. If attendance does not improve or concerns continue, we may seek advice from the local authority or other relevant services.

FIND OUT MORE

See the school website for our Attendance Policy and leave of absence request information.

BEFORE MAKING A REQUEST

Please ask early. We will explain the process and the information we need.