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School Attendance – We're here to support!

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is an important update about school attendance for the 2023/24 academic year.

Bridestowe Primary School is working in partnership with parents and local community partners to ensure every child has access to a fantastic education through regular attendance at school.

A big THANK YOU to all our parents for everything you have done this year to support your child's attendance, despite all the challenges that families face in what we know have been difficult times.

Next academic year, your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and develop positive relationships with their peers and the adults who are there to support them, this in turn will positively impact their resilience and wellbeing.

Regular attendance (97% and above) enables your child to:

- access the learning needed to help them make expected progress
- make and develop positive friendships
- access wider opportunities provided by the school
- develop good learning behaviours and life skills

If you are worried about your child/children's attendance, the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with the school directly. Most difficulties relating to absence can be dealt with quickly and promptly by in-school support, and all schools work closely with Early Help, health and the local authority teams who may also be able to help if needed. We are committed to supporting you so it's important you contact us as soon as possible if you have any concerns you would like to discuss.

We hope that you and your child/children have a fantastic summer and wish you all the best for the new academic year.

Kind Regards

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There are 190 school days each year, this means that there are 175 non-school days a year for children to enjoy with their families.

Attendance %	Rating	Days absent over a school year	Description
100%	Perfect Attendance	0	This is the best chance of success for your child
97%	Good Attendance	5	
95%	Improvement Required	9	Less chance of your child succeeding as it is harder for them to make progress – Support will be offered to remove any barriers to attendance
92%	Concern	19	
90% (persistent absence)	Serious Concern **	30	Serious Concern Missing this much education is not fair on your child and may result in legal action if absences are unauthorised – An attendance support plan will be put in place to ensure your child's attendance can improve and they can thrive in school and reach their potential