

At St Nicholas, our aim is to ensure that all pupils are happy, successful and achieve well during their time at our school. It is well established that there is a direct correlation between regular attendance and achievement. Research has shown that poor attendance, leads to poor outcomes and low self-esteem. It is therefore vital, that school and home work together to ensure all pupils at St Nicholas, have the best chance of reaching their potential.

We routinely monitor attendance and lateness and notify parents by letter if their child's attendance falls below the minimum expectation of 95%, or if a child is persistently late. We are keen to offer any support we can, to ensure any issues that may be affecting a child's attendance rate or punctuality, are dealt with effectively. We invite parents in to discuss ways we can support our families, as soon as possible, in an effort to minimise the impact on the pupil's learning.

What is good attendance?

At St Nicholas, we judge attendance using the following criteria:

Outstanding: 98 – 100% **Good:** 97– 95 % **Requires Improvement:** below 95%

To further understand the impact of poor attendance on a child's learning please read 'Every School Day Counts'. This can be found on the Key Information Page, on our website: www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk.

Our **Attendance Policy** can also be found on our website. Please click on: **About Us – Policies**

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.