

# Attendance Matters at The Burgate School



**Please phone school as soon as possible, before 08.45, to tell us why your child is absent and when you expect them to return.**

Putting the school number in your phone can save you time.

**School phone number is 01425 652039  
Email: [attendance@burgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@burgate.hants.sch.uk)**

## **Punctuality**

**The school day begins at 8.30.** Students are to be in class and ready to start work at this time.

**Being just 12 minutes late each day means:**

- Over 1 school week of 5 days, 1 hour is missed.
- Over a whole month of 4 weeks, 4 hours are missed.
- Over a six week half term, a whole 6 hours of learning are missed- that's a whole school day.
- Over a whole school year of 39 weeks, more than 1 week's worth of learning will be missed.
- Over the whole 13 years of their school life they will miss 507 hours which is 84 school days
  - that is more than 16 weeks of learning missed.

**If your child arrives at school after 08.45, they must sign in at the school office and their late will be unauthorised.**

## WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?

90%? 80%?

### Good Attendance is above 95%

If your child has **90%** attendance they will have the equivalent of:

½ a day off per week

19 days off per year

247 days off over their school career of 13 academic years, **this is equivalent to over 1 year of lost education.**

If your child has **80%** attendance they will have the equivalent of:

1 day off per week

38 days off per year

494 days off over their school career of 13 academic years, **this is equivalent to over 2½ years of lost education.**

### This lost education can never be replaced

**Research suggests that:**

**17 missed school days a year = 1 GCSE grade DROP in achievement. (DfE)**

## What can you do to increase your child's Attendance?

- Talk regularly to your child about school and how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend if they feel supported and their anxieties are listened to.
- Talk to us to resolve issues. We may be able to help and support you and your child.
- Only grant days at home for genuine illness. Quite often when a child gets to school, they feel a bit better.
- Avoid taking holidays in school time.
- Try to make medical appointments outside of the school day. If this is not possible make sure that your child returns to school immediately after the appointment.
- Be particularly watchful and supportive in the run up to **exams/assessments** and aware of coursework/project **deadlines**.
- Check Insight and your child's **planner** regularly to help you monitor attendance patterns and homework tasks.
- **Help & support** your child to **catch up** with missed work, a missed day doesn't mean missed work.
- Remember **PRAISE** for good attendance.