

Attendance at Dixons Cottingley Academy

At Dixons Cottingley Academy we have a dedicated attendance team who are on hand to support all families in improving their child's attendance.

We are passionate about making learning accessible and know how important attendance is in helping our students achieve their goals. If you have any questions, or would like any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the attendance team at attendance@dixonsco.com or call the dedicated attendance line on **01274 567281 option 1**, where a member of the team will be on hand to offer support and guidance.

How attendance impacts GCSE outcomes

Attendance	Days Missed	Risk of underachieving	Chance of gaining good GCSE's at 5+
100%	0	No risk	94%
98-99%	2		
97%	3	No risk	92%
96%	6		
95%	7	Small risk	74%
92-94%	12	Serious risk	60%
89-92%	15	Severe risk	34%
83-88%			
66-82%	17+	Extreme Risk	26%
65% or less			

As you can see from the data above, it is vitally important that your child attends school every day. If you are struggling to get your child to attend, we are here to help. Please contact us as soon as possible, so we can work together, there are adjustments and support packages that we can put in place, where appropriate, to help break down barriers and motivate them back into school

Attendance vs progress

Research has shown that there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. If your child has high attendance, they have a much better chance of higher grades. These higher grades will ensure your child can go on to achieve their goals when they leave education.

Managing Attendance

There are a small number of instances where a child has to miss school, please see the table overleaf for examples of authorised and unauthorised absences. If you believe your child will have to miss some school for ANY of these reasons, please contact us ASAP so we can discuss this with you and gain the relevant evidence to a put on your child's record. Evidence can be sent via email to attendance@dixonsco.com.

What if my child must be absent?

There are certain circumstances where a child must be off school. These are called authorised absences. Only Dixons Cottingley Academy can authorise an absence.

- Reasons for doing so include:
- A genuine personal illness

What about other reasons?

It is likely that the vast majority of other reasons for absence will lead to an unauthorised absence. This would include:

- Going shopping/getting a haircut etc
- Parental/carer/sibling illness
- A special treat, e.g. on a birthday



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A medical appointment, that is unavoidably in school time. (an appointment card/letter will be required as evidence)• A religious observation (if the religious festival occurs during term time)• An exceptional circumstance, such as a serious family event | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family holiday during term time NB: Unauthorised absences are very serious as they are regarded as a parent sanctioned truancy. <p>Unauthorised absences can lead to a fine being issued.</p> |
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What about taking a holiday?

The law is clear. Taking a child on holiday in term time will be deemed unauthorised and is likely to lead directly to a fine being issued.

