

### **98% + Attendance (Less than 4 days off per year)**

Your child is doing well. We all have the odd absence but you are limiting these. You can work towards the magic 100% figure by avoiding school-hours appointments and term-time leave.

### **Consequences**

Children achieving 98%+ attendance will be given certificates on a termly basis. Those achieving 100% attendance for the year may be awarded prizes. Provided you inform us of the reasons for any absence, we will just encourage best possible attendance.

### **96-97.9% Attendance (Between 4 and 8 days off per year)**

Your child's attendance is at or is only just above average. Every absence will need to be closely monitored. The headteacher will be unable to allow you any term-time holidays as the governors' attendance policy does not allow for this. Towards the lower end of this range you may find yourself having to face the consequences in the box to the right.

### **Consequences**

At the lower end of this range, you may be:

- Given a warning letter regarding your child's attendance
- Attend an interview to account for your child's attendance
- Sign a contract to show commitment to improvement
- Given a fixed penalty notice of £120 per parent per child
- Find that that evidence will be kept to prepare a case for possible prosecution if there is no improvement.

### **Below 96% (8 or more days off per year)**

Improvement is needed. Absence at this rate, without a very serious explanation, is unacceptable. If this rate of attendance continues, then statistically, your child is highly likely to find difficulty in gaining qualifications and accessing further education, training or employment at the end of high school. Even at this early age, attendance below 96% sets a pattern which becomes very difficult to change. Your family will come to the attention of external agencies and legal action is virtually inevitable. You will need medical evidence for absences over three days

### **Consequences**

It is very likely that:

- You will have to work very closely with school staff to secure improved attendance
- You will be served a fixed penalty notice of £120 per child per parent
- You will face the possibility of a PACE interview and prosecution in court if there is no improvement
- Enter multi-agency meetings to assess your family's needs, involving agencies such as Children's Services.