



1 March 2024

ATTENDANCE

As a school we are required to monitor our pupil attendance on a regular on-going basis. We are accountable to Somerset Council, who have appointed an Education Engagement Officer, Simeon Marshall, to discuss school attendance issues and to offer what support the Local Authority can give in addressing our attendance.

Simeon will be working closely with us and you may see him around school.

Simeon Marshall



"In November 2023, I accepted the role as an Education Engagement Officer (EEO) with the Education Engagement Service, Somerset Council. This was after 30 plus years of public service with the Army and then as a Police Officer with the Avon & Somerset Constabulary (27 years).

As part of my role, I am involved with schools and families in supporting children and young persons with their access to education. I meet regularly with schools and parents/carers to help ensure that education remains accessible to all. Often this is in conjunction with other services and agencies"

Further information and advice can be found on the website:-

Support Services for Education: [Somerset Council](#)

Please click the links for further information on the following:-

Mental Health and Well-being Help for Young People and Families:- [Mental Health Helpsheet](#)

Emotionally Based School Avoidance:- [School Avoidance](#)

Wessex Learning Trust Attendance Policy:- [WLT Attendance Policy](#)



Please remember

Parents/carers will be informed in writing of irregular attendance and meetings arranged if necessary.

We expect that you will:-

Always encourage regular school attendance and be aware of your legal responsibilities.

Always ensure that your child arrives at school punctually and fully prepared for the school day.

Ensure that you contact the school whenever your child is unwell and unable to attend school.

Contact the school by 9:15 am on the first day of the child's absence and telephone or e-mail every day thereafter unless your child has a doctor's certificate.

Contact us promptly whenever any problems occur that may keep your child away from school.

ATTENDANCE
Every day counts!

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern.
Low attendance.

At least 96%
Expected attendance.

Expected attendance means
having no more than seven days
off this school year!

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The infographic features a central traffic light with three colored circles: red at the top, yellow in the middle, and green at the bottom. To the left of the traffic light are three chevron-shaped boxes pointing right, colored red, yellow, and green, corresponding to the traffic light colors. The top of the infographic is a purple banner with the title 'ATTENDANCE' and the slogan 'Every day counts!'. The bottom is a purple banner with a definition of 'Expected attendance'. The Wessex Learning Trust logo is in the top right corner.