

As a parent/carer, how can you help your child?

- ◆ Telling your child how important school is (this includes setting a good example by not taking your child out of school in term time).
- ◆ Praising your child's achievements and celebrating their success.
- ◆ Organising non-urgent medical appointments after school.
- ◆ Helping your child to get into good routines at bedtime and breakfast time.
- ◆ Encourage healthy eating and exercise.
- ◆ Taking time to talk to your child about what they have done in school and any concerns they may have.
- ◆ Not taking your child out of school for airport pick-ups and drop-offs.

In our 6 local primary schools last year: 4147 DAYS OF LEARNING WERE LOST. This equates to almost 22 years!

262 PENALTY NOTICES WERE PROCESSED, £31,440 in fines. This money does not go to school.

There are 190 school days in the year and good attendance is classed as 97% and above, which is at least 184 days attendance at school each year.

This means that there are **175** non school days to:

- * Take holidays
- * Go shopping
- * Visit relatives
- * Attend routine appointments



Did you know that whilst children are in school they:

- * Make new friends
- * Learn and enjoy new experiences
- * Feel safe and listened to
- * Take part in school trips, events, teams and clubs
- * Keep up with schoolwork and homework
- * Can achieve their full potential
- * Have better career prospects
- * Grow in confidence
- * Learn how to look after themselves and feel healthy
- * Meet and help people in the community
- * Are rewarded for good or improved attendance

Airport trips are not authorised absences.

Attendance Information Booklet



Every student. Every day.

The school and mosque leaders in your local community work together in a cluster group called FAST (Faith and Schools Together). This leaflet is created by FAST to inform parents and carers about the impact of taking leave from school and mosque in term time.



How does being absent from school affect your child?

- *Your child misses out on valuable learning time. This affects the continuity of their learning.
- *When your child misses out on learning—they develop gaps in their knowledge and skills — these may never be made up.
- *Your child's absence may affect their academic achievements—outcomes in assessments, SATS and exams.
- *Your child will miss out on enrichment opportunities such as trips, visits and experiences.
- *Children often find it difficult when they return after an extended absence. Friendships within their class may move on, and they are conscious that they are behind in their learning. This can affect their self confidence and make them feel anxious.

Pupil Attendance and the Law Under the Education Act 1996, parents commit an offence if a child who is on a school roll fails to attend regularly and those absences are recorded by the school as unauthorised. Parents/carers may be issued with a penalty notice. The school may apply for an Education Supervision Order, which can remove some parental rights regarding the education of a child. Parents may be prosecuted and fined up to £2,500 or even imprisoned. A Parenting Order may be imposed, which means they will have to attend parenting classes.



How does pupil absence affect your child's school and mosque?

- *Teachers and support staff have to spend time working with your child to 'catch up' the learning that they have missed. This takes support away from pupils that have not been absent from school, which is unfair.
- *The time taken for schools to deal with attendance meetings, paperwork and the fining process is significant. This time could be spent making the school better for your children, such as working on exciting new initiatives and projects.
- *The money that it costs for staff to deal with attendance issues could be much better spent on providing the best possible education for your child.
- *School attendance data is constantly monitored by Ofsted, the Department for Education and the Local Authority. Poor attendance data can detrimentally affect the outcomes of an Ofsted inspection.
- *Teachers and support staff work very hard to provide the very best for your child. Taking your child out of school in term time indicates a lack of respect for the education process and those involved in providing it.

CONSIDER THIS...

You may think that you are just 'one family' taking leave and it is 'only' for 2 or 3 weeks. However, many families within our schools do this and all the days of pupil absence add up.

Burnley & Pendle
Faith Centre



Lancashire
County Council

ATTENDANCE CHARTER

Faith Communities and Schools are working together in Burnley and Pendle to ensure that all students benefit from excellent attendance at school every day and at places of worship in the evening.


Your local Faith Leaders are working together with your child's Headteacher to ensure that every child is in school every day and at the Education Centre in the evening.

Together we recognise the impact that good attendance and punctuality have on achievement and attainment in the classroom. Consistency and punctuality are key factors in ensuring our children gain the most from education.





















Education is the key to success.