

# Attendance meeting: OFSTED

21/10/24

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- OFSTED – 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Attendance came out as a strength of the school
- Talked about attendance as part of the behaviour meeting but really only a very small part of meeting.
- I shared what we do and how we monitor. They did not ask for anything extra.
- Weren't interested in this year's data (as only a month) and focused on last year.

# Context

- One form entry school in Cheltenham but have a large catchment from Gloucester
- Currently in line with Pupil Premium National Average (although we are normally above NA)
- Higher than average SEN
- Wide social demographic
- Very poor attendance in 22/23 (below NA in all areas and FSM children at 88%)
- Much better attendance in 23/24 (above NA, FSM rose to 92.2% and persistent absentees dropped)
- Have never issued a Penalty Notice

I got the impression it was an easy meeting because:

- Attendance has improved a lot and was above NA
- Myself, Pastoral Lead and admin officer meet weekly to discuss attendance with SENDCo included when needed – The inspectors liked the frequency of this and the fact there was a mixture of people discussing it each week. They said it showed we really thought carefully about ways to support our families.
- We were able to confidently talk about data and the story behind it. This was backed up in reports to governors and the data sheets we use.



Attendance data: 23-24								
Attendance of all children		94.7%	Attendance of FSM children		92.2%	Attendance of SEN children		93.3%
Absence of all children		5.3%	Absence of FSM children		7.8%	Absence of SEN children		6.7%
Unauthorised absence of all children		1.2%	Unauthorised absence of FSM children		2.3%	Unauthorised absence of SEN children		1.5%
National attendance for year	92.8%	National Absence rate for year	7.2%	National authorised absence rate	3.8%	National unauthorised absence rate		3.4%
Primary School National attendance for year to date	94.5%	Primary School National Absence rate for year to date	5.5%	Primary School National authorised absence rate for year to date	3.9%	Primary School National unauthorised absence rate for year to date		1.6%
National FSM attendance for year	88.9%	National FSM Absence rate for year	11.1%					
National EHCP attendance for year	86.7%	National EHCP Absence rate for year	13.3%	National SEN Support attendance for year	89.1%	National SEN Support Absence rate for year		10.9%
Attendance data: 22-23								
Attendance of all children	93.1%	Attendance of FSM children	88.7%	Attendance of SEN support children	91.6%	Attendance of EHCP children	86.2%	
Absence of all children	6.9%	Absence of FSM children	11.3%	Absence of SEN support children	8.4%	Absence of EHCP children	13.8%	
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Attendance data: 21-22								
Attendance of all children	93.5%	Attendance of FSM children	91.4	Attendance of SEN support children	93.5	Attendance of EHCP children	89.1	
Absence of all children	6.5%	Absence of FSM children	8.6%	Absence of SEN support children	6.55	Absence of EHCP children	10.9%	
National attendance for year (Primary)	93.7%	National Absence rate for year	6.3%	National FSM attendance for year	89.2%	National FSM Absence rate for year	10.8%	
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#### Persistent absentees

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
All children persistent absentees	16.5%	16.8%	12.9%
Pupil Premium persistent absentees	38%	35%	24%
SEN persistent absentees	14.3%	15.9%	11.2%



Attendance meeting: 14/10/24		In attendance at meeting		Jon Millin (HT), Laura Abraham (Pastoral Lead) and Lynsey Berrow (Admin Officer).			
Current attendance of all children	96.6%	Current attendance of FSM children	92.9%	Current attendance of SEN support children	93.8%	Current attendance of SEN EHCP children	99.8%
Current absence of all children	4%	Current absence of FSM children	7.1%	Current absence of SEN support children	6.2%	Current absence of SEN EHCP children	0.2%
Current unauthorised absence of all children	0.8%	Current unauthorised absence of FSM children	2.2%	Current unauthorised absence of SEN support children	0.4%	Current unauthorised absence of SEN EHCP children	0
National attendance for week	94%	National Absence rate for week	6%	National authorised absence rate for week	4%	National unauthorised absence for week	2%
National attendance for year to date	94.5%	National Absence rate for year to date	5.5%	National authorised absence rate for year to date	NA	National unauthorised absence for year to date	NA
Primary School National attendance for week	95.6%	Primary School NA rate for week	4.4%	P. School NA absence rate <u>for week</u>	3.1%	Primary School National attendance for week	1.3%
Primary School National attendance for year to date	95.8%	Primary School National Absence rate for year to date	4.2%	Primary School NA absence rate for year to date	2.9%	Primary School National attendance for year to date	1.4%
Last year's attendance	94.7%	Last year's FSM attendance	92.2%	Last year's SEN attendance	93.3%	NA Last year	92.8%

#### Chn with ongoing concerns

Name and Year Group	Reason in monitoring group	Current attendance	Barrier to attendance	Recent reasons for absence if less than 90%
	Was a persistent absentee when last in school. Left but now re-joined.	67.5%	Currently under a consultant for a heart condition – medical appointments effected attendance. Mum struggled with bus fare at times.	3 unauthorised absence. 3 and a half days illness with 2.5 of them being on a Friday. <b>monitor and LA to meet if continues.</b>
	Persistent absentee last year	89.7% ↑	School refuser	3 days illness only absence
	Persistent absentee last year	75.9% ↑	Mum keeps off if slightly under the weather.	7 days illness. One block of 2 days and then a block of 5.
	Persistent absentee for last 4 years	75.9% ↑	Mental health issues. Parents don't believe in bringing into school if he isn't 100%.	7 days illness spread over <u>a number of</u> weeks.
	Persistent absentee last 2 years	91.4% ↑	School refuser	2 days illness and one medical appointment.
	Last school reported attendance concerns.	70.4% ↑		8 days illness spread over 5 weeks – same as sibling. <b>LA to arrange a meeting.</b>
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Chn currently being monitored for attendance				
Name and Year Group	Reason in monitoring group	Current attendance	Barrier to attendance	Reasons for absence if less than 90%
	Family history of attendance issues	86.7%		3 days illness over 2 weeks.
	Siblings have been persistently absent	96.6%	Persistently late	
	Persistent absentee last year	100%		
	Previous persistent absentee and social care involvement.	86.2%	CP Plan in place only in school last 2 weeks of last year as moved from other school (and was ill after transition).	4 days illness over 4 weeks. 2 days same as sibling.
	Persistent absentee last 2 years	96.6%	Traveller	
	Persistent absentee last year	98.3%		
	Persistent absentee in past	67.2%		4 day holiday at start of year as well as a number of medical appointments and illnesses. A lot of <del>lates</del> .
	Persistent absentee last year	65.5%	Under a consultant for stomach issues	8 days illness plus 2 mornings to look around secondary schools. No action currently as sisters has improved. TD to discuss at Parents Evening.
Other children who are currently persistent absentees				
Name and Year Group	Current attendance	Reasons for absence		
	75.6%	Lots of illness		
	84.5%	Holiday (traveling)		
	82.8%	Holiday		
	86.2%	General illness <u>monitor</u> and JT to arrange meeting if continues.		
	82.8%	Holiday		
	86.2%	Holiday (traveling)		
	88.3%	Two days holidays and illness		
	86.2%	Holiday		
	79.3%	Holiday		
	86.2%	Production, wedding and then illness.		



**Current actions for all children**

Attendance info emailed to HT, Pastoral Lead and SENDCo daily.  
 New policy detailed in first newsletter on 13/9/24  
 GCC Letter emailed out to parents 1/10/24  
 Attendance info included in newsletters regularly.  
 Attendance absence rate included in reports termly.  
 All children greeted at door by Teacher/TA.

OPAL Play used improve enjoyment at breaks and lunches.  
 Class attendance award given out in celebration worship.  
 100% attendance mentioned at end of term.  
 All parents to be text last working day of holiday  
 All children with more than 5% absence rate spoken to at parents evening. All children with 10% or more written to.

Bespoke interventions/Actions	Children currently receiving bespoke interventions	Actions
Parents communicated with via texts from Pastoral Lead or emails from office to <u>support communication</u> issues.		
<u>Chn</u> picked up from home as requested		
Home visited as no response to messages		
Bespoke transition into school (e.g. TA meeting at front door, time in staffroom before going into class).		
Pastoral Lead called/emailed and offered ongoing support and discuss absence		
Pastoral Lead and/or SENDCO to meet with parents		
HT to meet/met with parents		
Extra classroom support (in addition to EHCP support)		
Pastoral Support		
Referred to Early Help for further support		
Children currently needing catch up interventions following long period of absence.		
Change of registration time/phased return following illness		

Penalty notice – wasn't asked about it but did explain that we had added this section onto our weekly meetings at the start of the year to show we would at least discuss it.

Year Group	DfE penalty notice consideration threshold			
	Name	Current attendance	Reasons threshold has been met	Decision
Y1				
Y2				
Y3				
Y4				
Y5				
Y6				

Other actions:

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