



Attendance Matters at Cartmel CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to this letter a leaflet explaining the importance of good school attendance and some figures explaining expectations of attendance.

I wanted to bring this information to your attention since it may be that many families have not considered what percentage of attendance is judged as 'good', 'satisfactory' and so forth. Consideration of such figures is also given when schools are inspected.

The following statement from the leaflet is significant:

“For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that’s nearly 4 school weeks.”

This highlights a significant amount of school time lost and the resulting impact that this could have on friendships, participation, curricular learning, academic achievement and so forth.

Children and adults are understandably ill at times and of course, children should not attend school if they are unable to do so. I do however feel that the messages and the figures are important to be aware of.

With kind regards,

Mrs Battersby