



### **Attendance figures for the year 2017- 2018**

<b>Group</b>	<b>% attendance</b>	<b>% absence</b>	<b>% of absences authorised</b>	<b>% of absences unauthorised</b>	<b>Number of absences</b>
Whole School	97%	3%	3%	.5%	1953
EYFS Frogs	96%	4%	3.6%	0.3%	420
Y1 Rabbits	97%	3%	2%	1%	329
Y2 Squirrels	97%	3%	2.8%	0.4%	366
Y3 Hedgehogs	96%	4%	3%	0.8%	432
Y4 Badgers	97%	3%	3%	0.5%	406
SEN	95%	5%	4%	1%	437
Pupil Premium	95%	5%	5%	0.23%	140
Service children	98%	2%	1%	1%	19

Please remember the importance of consistent attendance at school. When children are absent, the teachers work hard to ensure that they catch up with learning that they have missed but this can be very difficult if they are off for a week or more.

Obviously if children are ill with a sickness bug or high temperature they do need to be at home. However, in other cases, if they do not seem to be themselves first thing in the morning, they will often perk up as the day goes on and we will always contact parents if we are concerned. It is important that you let us know about any ongoing health problems which may affect attendance.

In school we monitor the attendance of all children but particularly when attendance levels are low or when there are unexplained or patterns of absence. Wimborne Academy Trust policy is to send letters each half term to parents whose children's attendance to that point from the beginning of the year is below 95% (10 days of absence throughout the year).

Points to remember:

- Holidays in term time cannot be authorised except in very special circumstances
- Routine medical appointments – (doctor and dentist) should be made out of school hours. Other than for hospital appointments, any attended in school time will be recorded as unauthorised absences.