



ATTENDANCE MATTERS (4)

June 2024

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

We at Elmbridge Primary school want to make sure that all children reach their potential and we know that you will want us to work together to make that happen. **Regular attendance plays a vital role to ensuring your child makes the most of their education, both academically and socially.**

Opportunities in the Summer Term

There will be many exciting events happening at Elmbridge Primary School in the Summer Term, including Green Day, Cultural Arts Week, Sports Week, transition to new class/school activities, Y6 leavers' events and more! These events are so important in bringing our school community together and preparing children for the next stage in their education. Absence in the summer term means pupils miss out these events, which are just as important as learning in the classroom - Please do your best to maximise your child's attendance in the run up to the end of the school year.

New Government Attendance Guidance

From September, there will be new statutory guidance for schools to follow, with regards to attendance. The introduction of this has been necessary due to higher levels of absence in schools, particularly since the Covid-19 pandemic. The majority of school policy around attendance will be governed by this new guidance and ultimately it is there to ensure that ALL children receive the education they are entitled to. You can read the guidance [here](#).

Absence Requests

If you require your child to have a leave of absence from school, then please complete the Absence Request form that is available in the hub. The school can only authorise absences for exceptional circumstances and cannot usually authorise absences for holidays. The school would ask all parents and carers to be honest about the reason for absences - children will always tell us if they have been on a holiday and it is a legal requirement for schools to record absences accurately in the register.



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For more information, please see our school's attendance policy [here](#).