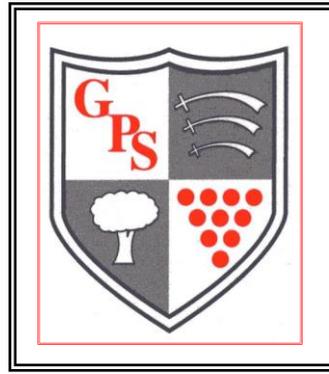


It is acknowledged that a great majority of our families ensure that their children attend school regularly.

We are forever seeking to improve the attendance of children of families who continue to take: "term time" holidays/book opticians/dental appointments in school time or do not make arrangements for children to attend school if a family member is ill.

**Every half day counts.**



As you are aware, one of our priorities is to improve our school attendance. Last Year we achieved 94.6%. Our school target is 96%. The Local Authority is keeping a close eye on our school percentage rates of attendance and the pupils who persistently are absent from school.

## UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

Please do not make travel arrangements or book tickets until the school has authorised the leave. If leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and reported to the Local Authority and could result in a fixed penalty fine or legal proceedings.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Working together to improve our attendance to 96%**

**Can we do it?**

*There are only 190 school days in a year and we want to see every child at school every day because*

**Every school day counts!**

### DID YOU KNOW?

All schools must report their termly attendance percentages to the Local Authority.

## Ofsted Inspection

New regulations introduced by Ofsted means that Ofsted will compare our school Attendance Percentages with the National Averages, which are above 95%.

It has been shown nationally that children who attend school regularly are more confident socially and achieve higher standards across all areas.



## Attendance that is worrying and of serious concern



- 90% = 19 days absence a year - worrying
- 85% = 29 days absence a year - very worrying
- 80% = 38 days absence a year - serious concern
- 75% = 48 days absence a year - *serious concern - possible court action may be taken*

*Please consider the consequences for your child/ren.*

*Thank you*



## Satisfactory and Good Attendance



The expected target for each year group is:

**96% +**

- 94% = not more that 11 days a year
- 95% = not more that 10 days a year
- 96% = not more that 8 days a year
- 97% = not more than 6 days a year
- 98% = not more that 4 days a year