Attendance Matters

At Hardwicke, we want every child to achieve their very best. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children succeed academically, socially and emotionally. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities for learning, developing friendships and building confidence.

By ensuring your child attends school every day, you are giving them the best chance to flourish. Together, we can support our children to love, learn and live. Every child should be in school every day that the school is open.

Attendance Expectations

98%+ Attendance - Excellent

- Supports strong academic progress and achievement.
- Encourages positive routines and a strong work ethic.
- Gives children the very best opportunities to succeed.

96% Attendance - Expected

- A good level of attendance.
- Children are accessing most learning opportunities.
- We encourage all families to strive for 98% or above.

95% Attendance - Cause for Concern

- Absence may begin to impact learning, attainment and progress.
- School may contact families to discuss attendance and offer support.

90% and Below - Persistent Absence

- Learning is significantly affected.
- School will work with families to identify barriers and support improved attendance.

85% and Below - Serious Concern

- Attendance is having a substantial impact on learning and progress.
- Additional support and formal attendance procedures may be required.

Everyday Counts

Attendance percentages can sometimes seem high, but even a small drop can mean a significant amount of learning is missed.

Attendance	Learning Missed
100%	No learning missed
98%	Approximately 4 days missed per year
96	Approximately 7 days missed per year
95%	Approximately 9 days missed (almost 2 weeks)
90%	Approximately 20 days missed (4 weeks)
80%	Approximately 40 days missed (8 weeks)
70%	Approximately 60 days missed (12 weeks)

We understand that children are sometimes genuinely unwell. However, where possible, we encourage families to avoid unnecessary absences, as every day away from school is a day of learning that cannot be fully replaced. If your child is absent, please contact the school on **01452 720538 (Option 1)** by 9:00 a.m. to leave a message.

Please do not send absence messages through Class Dojo to class teachers or Mrs Panton, as these messages may not be seen in time. If you have any questions regarding attendance, Mrs Underwood will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in helping every child achieve excellent attendance and make the most of every learning opportunity.