



ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2025

As the Summer fast approaches, many of us start thinking about planning our Summer Holidays.

Our school academic calendar is live on our website for you to check when to plan your trips and memory making days out around key term dates.

Please be aware that attendance is an area highlighted at a recent Ofsted inspection, it is also discussed at our school Governors meetings where it has been suggested that it would be appropriate to notify the local authority of any unauthorised absences. This is a course of action we are likely to take going forward.

Since the start of the 24-25 Academic Year until the week commencing 17th March 25, so far here at Percy Hedley School, we have lost the equivalent of 49 full days of valuable learning across the entire school. This is the equivalent of 294 hours of teaching.

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- They're too ill to go in.
- You have advanced permission from the school – Exceptional Circumstances. Recently we have seen an increase in unauthorised absences around the time of regional sporting activities and events. Whilst we do understand the importance of family activities, school must also play a crucial role and paves the way for your child's future. Therefore, such absences are classed as unauthorised.
- Any other occasion will be recorded as an unauthorised absence

Seasonal Illnesses

As the summer season approaches, and we spend more time outdoors. We see a growing trend in seasonal illnesses such as Hay Fever, insect bites and minor sunburn. NHS guidance can offer support for these. Students should still be able to come to school if they do suffer from any of these illnesses. Our school nursing team could offer advice also. Feel free to reach out to us.

