



# Stanley Crook Primary School

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*"Pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare is OUTSTANDING" (Ofsted, 2019)*

## Attendance – 2018/2019

Attendance continues to be monitored closely. While Headteachers are still unable to authorise term time holidays or absence (unless in exceptional circumstances), the rate of attendance regarding 'persistent absenteeism' was increased to 90% in 2016. A pupil is classed as a persistent absentee when attendance falls below 90%. Where attendance has fallen below this figure, and absences from school are unauthorised, parents may become liable for a Fixed Penalty Notice or face prosecution. It is extremely important for all pupils to be regular school attenders as a pupil's attendance which falls below 90% across the academic year, results in four weeks of school being missed. School continues to urge parents to carefully consider the implications of taking their child out of school during term time and, where a child is ill and unable to attend school, to ensure the school is made aware of the reasons for the absence. I will continue to work closely with parents and families where a pupil's attendance has fallen below the 90% figure. Parents are reminded that school is here to help and support with these issues.

School utilises the Attendance Toolkit and SIMS to monitor attendance and persistent absenteeism.

Attendance 2018-2019		
	Target	Actual
Total attendance	95%	96.6%
Authorised absences	5%	3.1%
Unauthorised absences	0%	0.5%

Attendance plays a key part of our School Development Plan, including an aim to reduce the rate of persistent absenteeism among Disadvantaged pupils in school. As part of a school wide strategy, this rate reduced from over 15% in 2015-2016 to 5.7% in 2018-2019. This is significantly below the national average of 17.6%.

Attendances for both Pupil Premium and SEND pupils is comparable with whole-school attendance.

## Percentage of pupil absence by characteristic compared with national absence data:

	School (2018/19 Academic Year)	National (Primary Autumn 18/ Spring 19)
Overall absence	3.4%	3.9%
Absence Rate – FSM/PPG	4.8%	5.9%
Absence Rate - SEND	4.3%	5.3%
Persistent Absence - Overall	5.0%	8.4%
Persistent Absence FSM/PPG	5.7%	17.6%
Persistent Absence SEND	5.3%	14.0%

**All school level absence indicators are below national comparisons**

Stanley Crook Primary School is committed to improving outcomes for all pupils



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