



Attendance Matters

1st October 2015

Green Lane Primary Academy / Ribblesdale Avenue / Garforth / Leeds / LS25 2JX

Welcome to our new parents and a warm welcome back to our existing parents/carers. Have a look at the table below to see how your son/daughter's class have contributed to Green Lane Primary Academy's current attendance level of 97.9%

Pear	Cherry	Beech	Elm	Poplar	Willow	Oak
94.6%	98.7%	98%	97.8%	97.3%	94.6%	99.6%
Rowan	Chestnut	Hazel	Maple	Larch	Birch	Sycamore
98.5%	98.8%	97.8%	98.7%	99.6%	97.2%	98.3%

ATTENDANCE – CHANGES IN THE LAW FROM SEPTEMBER 2015

The Department for Education has changed the 'persistent absence' threshold from 85% to 90% from September 2015.

90% attendance means missing on average half a day EVERY week or 100 hours of learning each year.

National research suggests that 90% attendance at secondary school = SATS level drop in achievement by the end of year 9 and a GCSE grade lower in all subjects by year 11.

All schools and Academies have a duty to monitor students' attendance and, in the first instance offer support where appropriate. GLPA is aware there can be genuine reasons for pupil absence and have a good track record of offering support and intervention in this area. In the event of a student's attendance falling below 90% without good reason, the process becomes more formal with a series of meetings and intervention.

GLPA 2015-2016 ATTENDANCE TARGET = 97%

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

A child who is absent for a two week holiday will miss 50 hours of education and miss vital links in class work that will have a detrimental effect on future learning. Green lane Primary Academy will not grant permission for holiday during term time (except in exceptional circumstances). This policy is in line with current statutory guidelines which came into effect in September 2013.

Have a look at the table below to see what your child's attendance figure means in real terms:

Attendance %	Absence per week/fortnight	Absence per year	Absence over 5 years
95	½ day fortnightly	2 weeks	¼ Year
90	½ day weekly	4 weeks	½ Year
85	1 ½ days fortnightly	6 weeks	¾ year
80	1 day weekly	8 weeks	1 Year

Congratulations to our 343 pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the term so far.
A fantastic achievement!