

OUR ATTENDANCE JOURNEY

ATTENDANCE DATA

Academic Year	Overall Attendance	FSM Attendance
2024/25	86.8%	89.2%
2023/24	85.1%	85.4%
2022/23	82.6%	83.2%

What This Shows: Over the last three academic years, attendance has continued to improve across the school. Attendance for pupils eligible for Free School Meals has increased particularly strongly, reflecting the success of targeted support and close partnerships with families.

REDUCING PERSISTENT ABSENCE

Persistent absence measures the proportion of pupils missing a significant amount of education.

Persistent Absence Data

Academic Year	Cohort	Persistent Absence	FSM Persistent Absence
2024/25	247	34.4%	31.4%
2023/24	234	45.3%	49.1%
2022/23	214	49.5%	54.0%

IMPACT OF OUR WORK

The significant reduction in persistent absence demonstrates the effectiveness of:

- Early intervention and family support
- Multi-agency working
- Individual attendance plans
- Therapeutic and pastoral support
- Flexible approaches where appropriate
- Strong home-school communication

WORKING TOGETHER – PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Supporting attendance is a shared responsibility between school and home.

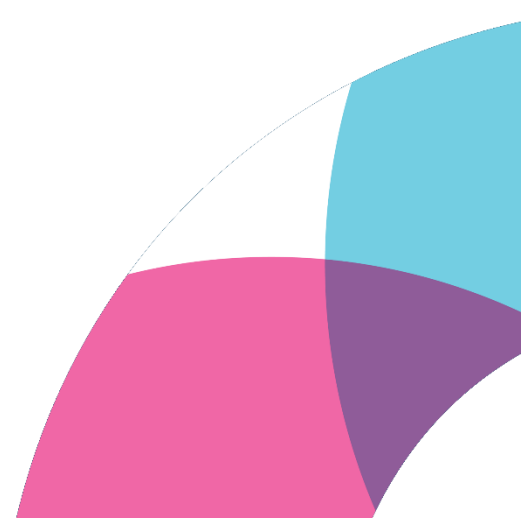
Parents and carers can help by:

- Establishing consistent routines.
- Informing school of any absence as early as possible.
- Attending appointments outside school hours where possible.
- Working with school staff to overcome barriers to attendance.
- Maintaining regular communication when concerns arise.

Our aim is always to work in partnership with families to ensure pupils receive the support they need to attend school regularly and achieve their full potential.

AUTHORISED ABSENCES

These Include:

- Genuine illness
 - Medical appointments
 - Death of a close relative
 - Religious observation
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UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES:

These include:

- Shopping trips
- Birthday treats
- Oversleeping
- Parent or carer being unwell
- Holidays during term time

Attendance percentage	Number of days missed over a school year
100%	0 days
99%	2 days
97%	5 days
95%	10 days
93%	14 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days



EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL IS...

Ace!

Bradford Schools Attendance Charter

We believe that every day at school matters and that school attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Our school agrees to:

- Have a Senior Attendance Champion and a governor or trust leader overseeing attendance.
- Train attendance staff appropriately.
- Have a clear attendance policy that is regularly reviewed and reported to governors or trust leaders.
- Have a member of staff responsible for day-to-day management of attendance and liaising with safeguarding leads.
- Track and monitor attendance so swift action can be taken for students whose attendance is concerning.
- Inspire children to attend with an engaging curriculum and enrichment programme.
- Prevent and intervene early with pupils and families at risk of poor attendance.
- Work with families and the community to develop and maintain good attendance habits.
- Work with partners to improve attendance across the district.
- Share and apply best practice around good and improving attendance.
- Review guidance on Bradford Schools Online.



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