

# **YARDLEYS SECONDARY SCHOOL**

## **A converter academy**



# **ATTENDANCE**

# **INFORMATION**

The new number for reporting absence is **07860030335**. This is a text message only number.



At Yardleys we value good attendance and punctuality. This is because it is one of the key factors that impacts on whether a student succeeds at school or not.

Poor attendance can have a huge impact on learning. Each day missed is vital information missed and it is always difficult to catch this up.

As seen in the table below, poor attendance week by week can soon result in a catastrophic loss of learning time.

Average days a week missed	% missed of the week	Proportion of whole school time missed over 5 years.
Half a day a week missed	10% missed 90% attendance	Half a school year missed.
1 day a week missed	20% missed 80% attendance	A whole school year missed.

Students who miss half a year over their school career are placing themselves at a huge disadvantage to students who are present for over 95% of the time.

<b>Attendance %</b>	<b>% 5 GCSE or equivalents at A* - C</b>
93.5 and above	74.3
92.5- 93.49	60.4
88 and below	26.7

5 or more GCSE A- C grades can increase wages by 41%

## **What is the Law on School Attendance?**

Parent(s)/Carer(s) must make sure that children of school age (i.e. 4-16 years) receive full-time education. They must ensure that children on roll at school attend regularly.

### **Parents may be taken to court for breaking the law.**

Under the 1996 Education Act Section 444, parents may be fined up to £2,500, face 3 months in prison or receive a parenting order if they do not send their child to school.

### **Parental responsibilities:**

- Ensure their child attends school on time every day.
- In extreme circumstances where a child is absent to inform the school promptly.
- To make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours as far as possible.
- To ensure that where a dental or medical appointment has to be made at one point in school hours, their child attends for the remainder of the day.

### **Student responsibilities:**

- To attend every day unless physically unable to do so.
- To make every effort to ensure punctuality to school and within school.

### **Term time holidays.**

- The school will not authorise term time holidays due to the impact that they have on a student's learning.

# WHAT CAN YOU DO?

## Hints and Tips to ensuring that your child has good attendance.

- Be positive about learning and school. It is your child's route to achieving their potential.
- Never let your child decide if they are too unwell to come to school. Such a decision must be made by an adult.
- If your child does not want to come to school contact their Head of House to see what support we can offer.
- Try to book medical and dental appointments in holidays, on weekends or after school.
- If school must be missed by a medical appointment try to have it at the start or end of the day to allow attendance for the rest of the day. If the appointment is in middle of the day please send your child in before and after the appointment.
- Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and does not stay up late on a school night.

## Important Contacts for you - To report a pastoral concern

### Heads of House

Mr Tilley	– Discovery	– 0121 464 5627
Miss Fillmore	– Earth	– 0121 464 5641
Mrs Killarney	– Elements	– 0121 464 6640
Mr Lawrence	– Odyssey	– 0121 675 0671
Mr Johnson	– Safari	– 0121 464 5638

### To report an absence;

Send a text message to **07860030335** to inform us the reason why your child is off and a possible return date if known. If a longer discussion regarding absence is needed please call Mr Tullett on 01216750674