

Absence from school will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not exceptional circumstances, and it is unlikely that any requests for this purpose will be authorised. Any requests must be made on the appropriate form (available from the school office).



There are 365 days in a calendar year. Your child is expected to attend just 190 days AT SCHOOL. This means there are 175 non-school days for holidays, birthday treats, special events with families and non-urgent appointments.

Turves Green Primary School  
Academic Calendar 2024 - 2025



September 2024				
M	T	W	T	F
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January 2025				
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February 2025				
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March 2025				
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April 2025				
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May 2025				
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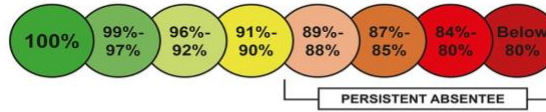
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July 2025				
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Autumn Term
Spring Term
Summer Term
School is closed to children on all dates shaded in grey Training Days

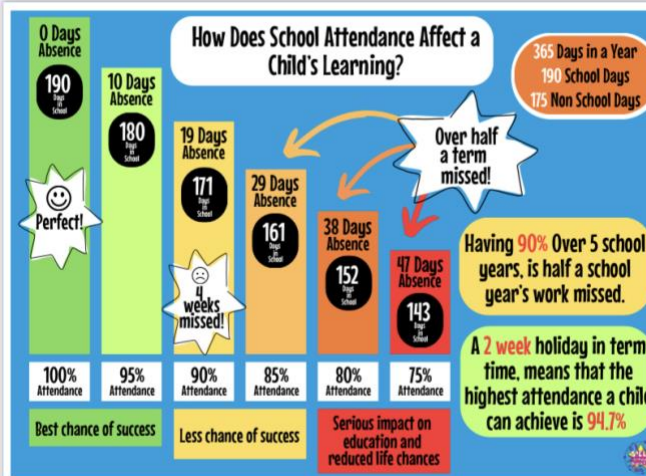
## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Any absence below 90% (19 missed school days over the year) is considered as Persistent Absence. This means that your child is missing out on their curriculum entitlement and key aspects of learning.



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# Attendance and Punctuality Information for Parents and Carers

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

**School success starts with attendance!**

### **The importance of Good School Attendance**

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school. It also helps to establish positive life habits that are necessary for future success.

Through regular attendance, pupils can:

- build friendships and develop social groups;
- establish routines;
- fully engage in learning and other events;
- achieve their full potential socially and academically.

You have a responsibility to ensure that your child arrives in school on time each day. Please remember, children need to arrive by 8:50 for registration. Lessons begin straight after the register is taken, so if your child is late they will miss out on important learning.



Please remember:

- the school gates open from 8:40 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.;
- pupils are expected to be their classrooms at 8:50 a.m. every day. When your child is late for school, they will be joining a lesson that has already started. This makes some children feel self-conscious. It also means they are likely to have missed important teaching and instruction. This can impact upon their confidence over time.
- every school day counts, so it is important to ensure your child attends daily to ensure they have the best possible chance of success.

### **What the Law says...**

All children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for ensuring that this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making appropriate alternative arrangements.

Once you have registered your child at a school, you are also legally responsible for ensuring that your child attends regularly. If you fail to do this, legal action can be taken against you by the Local Authority. It is a legal offence to fail to ensure your child attends school regularly.



As a parent, ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is your legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without good reason is an offence and may result in referral to the Education Legal Intervention Team, the issue of penalty notices and fines and eventually prosecution.

### **What the Government says...**

Government guidelines state that attendance figures of 90% or less classes as 'persistent absence.' The Government expects that in order for a child to reach their full potential, they must attend school for a minimum 95% of the year. At our school we closely monitor absence rates. This regular monitoring may result in you being contacted by letter, or invited into school for a meeting, if we have concerns about attendance.

Please note that we will carry out home visits to some children who are off school.

### **What happens if my child is ill?**

Being ill may prevent your child from coming to school, but if they can get out of bed and play or enjoy TV, they normally should be in school. Coughs and sneezes are not an excuse to miss school and feeling tired is not an illness. Looking after your child is very important to us and we will of course contact you if we feel they should go home.



If your child is too ill to attend school, it is important that you let school know on their first day of absence before 9 a.m. You will need to contact school for every day of absence. On occasions, we may ask for additional medical evidence, to authorise the absence.

Contact number  
0121 464 3686

### **Barriers to Attending School**

We understand that families can experience difficult circumstances at times, so please contact us straight away about any issues which are causing a barrier to your child attending school. As with any attendance issue, keeping us in the loop is important. If there are problems, we will do everything that we can to make attending school as simple as possible, whilst ensuring your child is happy and reaches their full potential. If there are ever any problems, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

