Appendix 3: Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

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The name and contact details of the school staff member pupils and parents should contact about attendance on a day-to-day basis is:

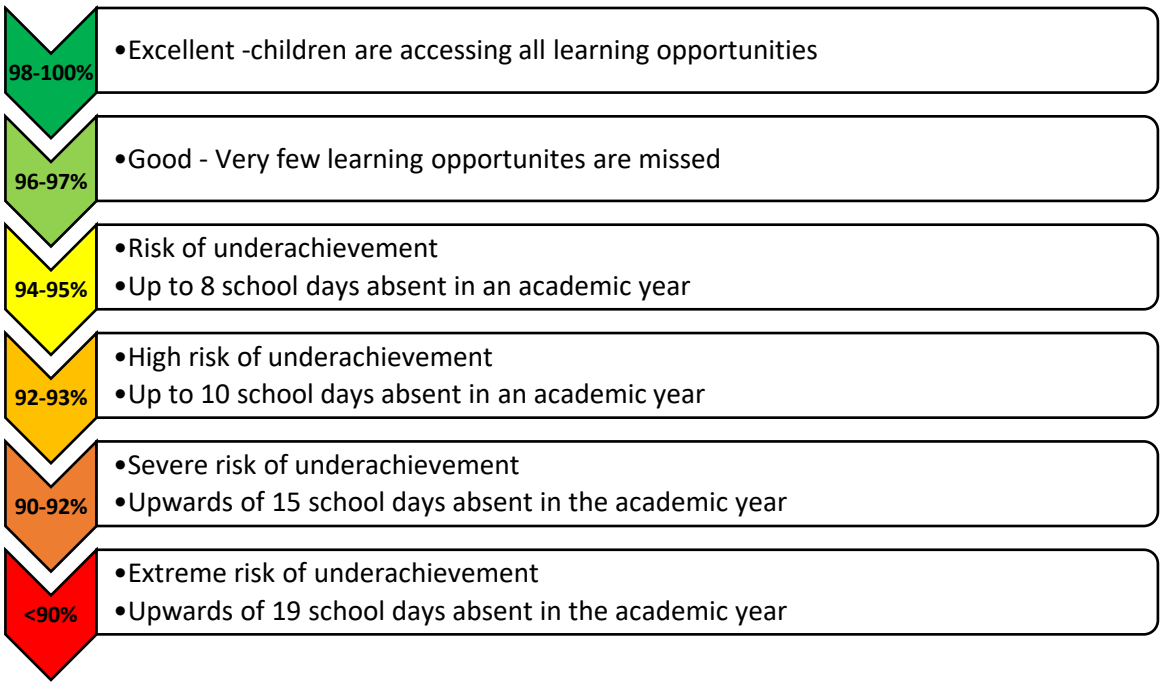
Name: Mrs Wilton

Email address and telephone number; 01362 637219
office@swantonmorley.norfolk.sch.uk

We expect pupils to attend school for 100% of the academic year. You can support your child to have excellent attendance by taking these steps:

- Ensure your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Pupils must be in school by **08.45 am**.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- If your child appears to be only slightly ill, send them in to school. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates.
- Book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.
- Supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter if your child has an appointment during school hours.

If your child becomes reluctant to go to school or you need help, please contact the school immediately; we are more likely to be able to work together to solve any problems if we act early.



'On the day' absences: what should I do if my child is not 'fit' to go into school? On each day your child is unfit to come to school, please report this absence to **Mrs Wilton by either telephone 01362 637219 or email** office@swantonmorley.norfolk.sch.uk In the message you must leave your child's full name, year and tutor group and give the specific reason for absence. Saying that your child is "unwell" is not enough information. The information you give will be recorded on our official register. Parents should also be aware the at if the reasons for the absence are concerning or if there is a regular pattern of absences particularly on Fridays/Mondays, the day before any school holidays or the day your child is due back after school holidays and the reasons given are that your child is not well enough to attend school, but we have reason to believe that is not the case then a welfare visit to your home will be carried out by members of our safeguarding team.

Leave of Absence There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. Please use our 'Leave of absence request' form to make these types of requests. The form should be submitted in advance of the leave of absence to Mrs Wilton. You will receive a letter in response, to advise if the request has been granted or declined.

Punctuality Pupils are expected to arrive on time for school in the morning and for every lesson during the day. Your child is late to school if they are not lined up on the playground by **8.45am**.

The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment. I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Please contact **Mrs Wilton** if you require any suport with ensuring your child's regular school attendance.

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School staff who parents should contact about attendance on a day-to-day basis]	Mrs Wilton	01362 637219 office@swantonmorley.norfolk.sch.uk
School staff who parents should contact for more detailed support on attendance]	Mrs Wilton	01362 637219 office@swantonmorley.norfolk.sch.uk