

## Expectation of Attendance

For a child to reach their full educational achievement, a high level of school attendance is essential. Balksbury Federation is committed to providing an education of the highest quality for all our children, and works hard to provide an environment where all children feel valued and welcome.

For our children to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered, it is the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is at school, on time, every day the federation is open, unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

## Daily Attendance Monitoring

Once registers have been taken, all reasons for absence will be looked at and poor attendance will be monitored.

If a child has been absent for three days, a phone call will be made to discuss if medical advice needs to be sought, or, medical evidence needs to be submitted to the federation.

## Supporting Families (96% - 94%)

If a pattern or concern arises, discussions with parents will take place to offer support to work through barriers to attendance, and how these can be resolved.

## Facilitating Support (94% - 85%)

The federation will help parents to access support in the form of school intervention (ELSA, SEND Team) School Nurse, Early Help, MHST where absence is a symptom of wider issues.

## Formalising Support

Where absence persists, and attendance percentage falls below 85%, and parents are not engaging with voluntary support, a **Balksbury Federation Family Attendance Plan** will be put in place to formalise support.

## Enforcement

Where all other areas of support have been tried and have not worked, or been engaged with, and attendance percentage has fallen to 65%. A **referral to the Legal Intervention Team (LIT)** will be made and the Federation will work alongside them to protect the child's right to Education.