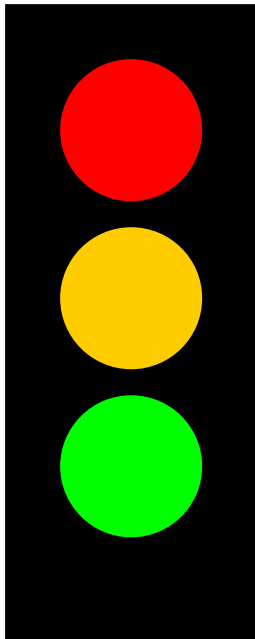


TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



What Zone is your child?

Attendance Information

For Parents

TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

RED – DANGER ZONE

All students whose attendance falls below 80% will be included in this category. This means that legal action is likely to be taken

AMBER – AT RISK ZONE

All pupils whose attendance is between 80% - 90% will be included in the Amber category. Clear evidence shows that pupils with this level of attendance are at risk from under achieving. Monitoring will begin to attempt to prevent legal action.

GREEN ZONE – SAFETY ZONE

All students whose attendance is above 90% are part of the Green Zone which recognises good to excellent attendance.

Good attendance

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Good results/references

If you suspect your child may be absent without your knowledge you can contact the school to check their attendance.

WHY BOTHER IF PUPILS DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL?

- The law states all children aged 5-16 must receive a **suitable full time education**.
- With **high attendance** your child gets the chance to **make friends** and learns to get on with others. **Communication skills** are vital for your child's development.
- Research shows students with **less than 90%** attendance do dramatically **less well** in public examinations.
- Employers will want to be sure that the people they recruit are reliable. Children who have a poor school attendance record have less chance of getting a job.
- Young people who are off school for no good reason are **at risk of becoming victims of crime or abuse**. They may also be drawn into anti-social behaviour.
- Children who don't come to school regularly will be at **risk of not achieving their full potential**

Wallsend Jubilee Primary School CRACK DOWN ON POOR ATTENDANCE

Wallsend Jubilee Primary School is working very closely with the Education Welfare Service to promote the importance of regular school attendance.

The Government has changed its procedures in relation to the prosecution of parents. The new **'Fast Track'** system has been introduced. This means pupils' attendance is monitored for just four weeks and parents of those children who fail to attend 90% may face prosecution.

The Government expects Primary aged children to have above 95% attendance.

We would like to ask all parents, carers and pupils for their continued support to help us reach an **improved level of attendance.**

WHAT HAPPENS IN SCHOOL?

Register checks are carried out within school on a regular basis. Those pupils who have fallen **below 90%** are automatically referred to our Education Welfare Officer Terry Price. The pupils identified are closely monitored over a four-week period.

Those pupils who improve their attendance are **praised for their efforts.**

Parents of those who fail to improve are invited into school to **discuss concerns** and to look at ways in which to improve the situation.

Wallsend Jubilee Primary clearly recognises that children may be genuinely ill or that there may be issues affecting attendance. This system has, therefore, been introduced to **support parents and pupils** by helping to resolve issues to try to prevent legal action from being taken.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP?

- **Talk to your child.** Take an interest in their learning.
- **Make sure your child goes to school and arrives on time**
- **Avoid taking holidays during term time.** Holidays count as absence.
- Arrange non-urgent medical and dental appointments for after school. If the appointment has to be in school hours then the pupil **should not have a full day off to attend the appointment.**
- **Keep a diary of absences,** check for patterns developing.
- Contact the school immediately if you have any doubts or concerns.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of him or her missing school.

If your child is absent from school:

- Contact the school on **(0191) 2008030**
- Please give the reason for absence
- Please give the day you expect your child will return to school