

Attendance

- Regular school attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential
- We value all pupils. We will work with families to identify reasons for poor attendance and try to help to resolve these
- We will praise and reward children with good and significantly improved attendance
- Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act states that parents must ensure that children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education by regular attendance at school or otherwise.
- Under the Education Act 1996, the Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure that parents secure education for children of compulsory school age and, where necessary, use legal enforcement (Penalty notices, prosecution)
- Absence can only be authorised by the school and cannot be authorised by parents. All absences will be treated as unauthorised unless a satisfactory explanation for the pupil's absence has been received
- Only in extremely exceptional circumstances will the Headteacher authorise any extended absence
- A child can lose their school place if they do not attend and their Parent/Carer fails to contact the school
- We embrace the multi-faith nature of British society and understand that some religious festivals fall outside of school holiday periods and weekends. Consideration will be given to authorising absence due to religious observance for a period of one day per festival for up to a maximum of three days in any academic year
- Pupils who arrive after 9.00am will get a late mark in the register unless they arrive after 9.30am in which case it will be classed as an absence. This absence will only be authorised if a satisfactory reason can be provided

At Old Moat we classify attendance:

Green	97% - 100%
Yellow	94% - 97%
Amber	90% - 94%
Red	Below 90%

