## Regular Attendance



Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall well-being.

Studies also indicate a direct correlation between positive attendance and successful academic achievements.

## Authorised Absences

Schools must only grant leaves of absence for specific circumstances set out in the 2024 attendance regulations.

#### The permitted circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance or employment abroad
- Attending an interview
- Study leave
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable.
- Exceptional circumstances

See the guidance (paragraph 37)

Unfortunately a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.



Working together to improve school attendance

Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities

August 2024



## Penalty Notice Changes



There are significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time, effective from 19 August 2024.

What you need to know:



New penalty rates: £160 per parent per child, £80 if paid within 21 days.



Second offence within 3 years: £160 with no discount



Penalty after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period. This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or years.



Max 2 penalties in 3 years per child.

Regular attendance helps your child succeed!

Please contact us if you have any concerns.

### Late to School



Registration is during form time, at 8.40 a.m.

The guidance states, 'if a student arrives after the register has closed, the attendance register must be amended to record them as absent using code U or another absence code that is more appropriate.'

This means that a student who arrives late will be marked as an unauthorised absence, unless there is a reason set out in the authorised absences section.



Corby Business Academy



ATTENDANCE UPDATES

New Statutory
Government Guidelines



## BWT Attendance Policy

# **SCAN ME!**



Scan the QR code to read the Brooke **Weston Trust** Attendance and **Punctuality** Policy.

Academic Benefits



Better Learning	Regular attendance helps children keep up with lessons and understand material.
Steady Progress	Attending school every day means students don't fall behind and can stay on track.
Hígher Grades	Being in school regularly gives children more chances to improve their marks.
Increased Participation	Regular attendance helps children get involved in lessons and activities.
Extra Support	Children who attend regularly have better access to teachers and extra help when needed.

## Social Benefits



Improved Social Skills	Being in school helps children make friends and learn how to work with others.
Sense of Belonging	Attending regularly helps children feel part of the school community
Teamwork	Working with classmates in lessons and activities builds teamwork skills.

# Wellbeing benefits



Emotional Stability	Routine helps children feel secure and less anxious.
Good Habíts	Regular attendance builds important life skills like time management and responsibility.



### **Contact Us**

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or require any support, please do not hesitate to contact our Student Care Team by calling 01536 303120, option 1.

## Additional Support



Following the new government statutory guidance around attendance, we want to reiterate the support that is available to our young people and family.

At Brooke Weston Trust and Corby Business Academy, we are committed to fostering a supportive and nurturing environment that priorities the mental health and wellbeing of every student.

Our dedicated Student Care Team are here to provide the resources, guidance, and care needed to help students thrive both academically and personally. You can find out more about our Wellbeing support on our website.

There are several external agencies who also support young people and their families. Scan the QR Code to find out more information.



Online wellbeing community offering ways keth to manage emotions, helpful habits, podcasts and more!



A areat app to help with every day worries and to help loof after yourself using meditation and breathing techniques



An app to learn hundreds headspace of mediations to help with sleep and feelings of worry



Emotional and practical Parenting support and guidance for children, young people an families.

