



WEST NORTHAM ATTENDANCE REWARDS EVERY DAY COUNTS

From Term 3 onwards, we will have attendance rewards at West Northam to encourage students from Pre Primary to Year 6, to attend school every day. Regular attendance of over 90% is necessary to ensure your child receives uninterrupted learning so that they can achieve their best. The following table shows how as little as one day a fortnight away from school can affect your child over the life of their schooling:

STUDENT ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS				
If your child misses ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's ...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight (90%)	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Your child
				Other children
				Equivalent to finishing in Year 10
1 day per week (80%)	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Your child
				Other children
				Equivalent to finishing in Year 9
2 days per week (60%)	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Your child
				Other children
				Equivalent to finishing in Year 7
3 days per week (40%)	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Your child
				Other children
				Equivalent to finishing in Year 6

Each Friday, the students who attend school every day, or who have been notified as sick, will have free time. During this time, the teacher will work with those students not attending school every day to talk about how they can improve their attendance.

In addition to the free time every Friday, at the end of each term, there will be prizes for students who have maintained regular attendance of over 90%, or who have improved their attendance by 10%, for example, moving from 70% attendance to 80% attendance would mean going from attending 7 days each fortnight to attending 8 days a fortnight.

Any child who is absent due to sickness for three or more days, or who has recurring absences due to sickness, will need a medical certificate, otherwise their absence will be counted as unacceptable for the purposes of the attendance rewards.

Thank you for working with us to improve attendance, every day counts.