

Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 21th October 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 19th December 2022 – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February 2023

Half Term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023

Monday 20 February – Friday 31 March 2023

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26 May 2023

(May Bank Holiday – school closed on 1 May)

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2 June 2023

Monday 5 June – Friday 21 July 2023

Inset Days

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 25th November 2023

Friday 20th January 2023

Friday 23rd June 2023



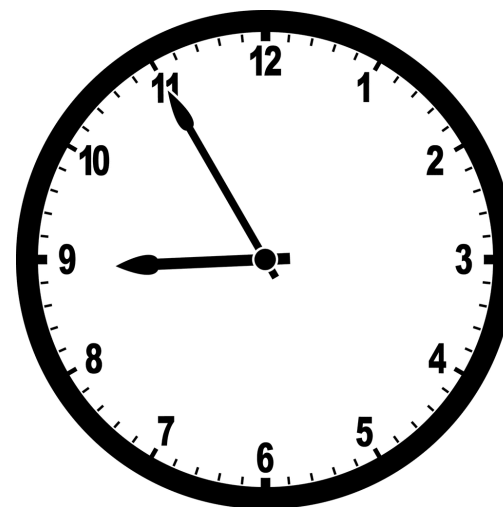
Term Time Holidays

- Taking children on holiday or out of school during term time is against the law.
- The school is not allowed to authorise absence during term time, unless there are exceptional reasons (this does NOT include sickness of a family member).
- Taking unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority.



Torrington Primary School

Attendance



and Punctuality

A parent and carer guide

2022/23

It is extremely important that children attend school every day to enable them to make progress and achieve. Just one day's absence can mean that children find it difficult to keep up with their learning for the rest of the week, or longer.

Our attendance target is 97% and we work extremely hard to ensure that we meet that target. We work closely with families where children are persistently absent to try and support them to improve their child's attendance. The Local Authority Attendance Officer visits the school regularly to monitor attendance and punctuality.

If your child's attendance is...

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

97%+	Well done and keep it up!
95-97%	We will write to you, and monitor your child's attendance closely.
90-95%	We will write to you and let you know that we now require medical evidence for all instances of absence due to sickness. If attendance does not improve, a member of the Senior Team will meet with you to discuss your child's attendance.
Below 90%	This is classed as persistent absence . You will be referred to the Local Authority Attendance Officer for a meeting.

Persistent Absence

If a child is attending for less than 90% of the time, this is classed as persistent absence. This means that a child is missing, on average, almost one day a week of his/her education. This will have a significant impact on his/her ability to achieve and often leads to anxiety about catching up.

Punctuality

The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. All children should be in their classroom ready to start the day at 9.00am. Any child arriving after 9.05am will be recorded as late.

What if my child is sick?

- Coughs and sneezes are not an excuse to stay at home.
- Being ill may prevent your child from going to school, but if he/she can get out of bed and play, or watch television, he/she should be at school!



Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school, you need to let us know. You can do this by:

- Ringing or emailing the school office.
- Reporting your child's absence in person at the school office.

If absences are prolonged and without medical authorisation, parents or carers may face court proceedings.



Medical Appointments

We request that all medical appointments are made outside of school hours. If you have to take your child to an appointment, this needs to be authorised by the Headteacher. You will need to provide evidence of the appointment (booking letter etc).



A+

Is it really serious if your child is not in school?

Yes! Look at this example:

James has 90% attendance. Sounds good doesn't it? But is it?

90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week

90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed every year. That's 100 hours of learning!

We want to support you to get your child to attend school regularly. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to Lena or Vicky.

