

## Attendance Contract

At the Short Stay School we have high expectations of our pupils. We aim to set our pupils up for success in the educational setting that each pupil is best suited to.

Attendance is the single biggest factor in any child's success at school, and exam data shows that your child will lose a full grade across all their GCSE results for each 5% of attendance lost.

The target for attendance for any pupil at the Short Stay School is 95%. Each absence is a loss of learning time. Also, it is harder for a pupil to come back after they have missed school because their classes have moved on and there will be gaps in their learning. Attending education is a legal requirement for all young people under 18 years of age.

As a parent/carer, you can help your child to attend school by: -

- encouraging your child to do their best to attend if they are feeling a little under the weather,
- ensuring that medical appointments are made outside school hours,
- avoiding family holidays during the school year,
- talking positively about school and the importance of attending.

If attendance falls below 95%, the school may take action to put this back on track. We may send letters to you, ask you into school to talk about attendance, and speak directly to your child about how important school is. If your child's attendance does not improve, we will look to involve the county attendance team which could end in a legal process in court. For more information, see the SSSfN Attendance Policy.

Please sign below to agree that you have read this guidance and will ensure that your child attends school in line with their expected timetable.

Signed  
(parent/carer) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed  
(pupil) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_