

Attendance Matters

Autumn Term 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Amotherby Community Primary School, we want every child to feel happy, settled and successful in school. Regular attendance is an important part of this. Being in school consistently helps children to keep up with their learning, maintain friendships, feel part of their class and develop positive routines.

We are very grateful for the support of our families in helping us maintain high levels of attendance.

Attendance recognised by Ofsted

We were delighted that **Attendance and Behaviour was judged to be a Strong Standard** in our recent Ofsted inspection.

Inspectors highlighted that:

“Pupils’ attendance is high. It continues to be high over time.”

They also recognised that this strong attendance is seen across different groups of pupils, including pupils with SEND and disadvantaged pupils. Inspectors noted the school’s careful monitoring of attendance and the supportive action taken when a pupil’s attendance begins to cause concern. Importantly, they found that the number of pupils who are regularly absent has **decreased significantly**.

This is something our whole school community can be proud of, and we would like to thank parents and carers for the important part you play in this.

Need some advice?

[School attendance and absence: Help with getting your child to go to school - GOV.UK](#)

[School attendance and absence: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

Who can I talk to if I need support?



Mrs L Wade – Heateacher



Miss K Cooper – Assistant HT & SENCo

To help us support your child's attendance and punctuality, please use Class Dojo to stay in regular contact with your child's class teacher. Together, we can quickly address any challenges that might affect your child's ability to arrive at school on time. Open communication helps us work as a team to ensure your child gets the most from their learning experience.

Whole School Attendance 97.9% Whole School Target 97%

w/c 28/09/2026	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	100%	95.9%	95.4%	98.1%	97.1%	100%	98.3%

Being on time matters too

Good attendance also means arriving at school on time and ready to learn.

The beginning of the school day is important. Teachers use this time to settle children, establish routines and begin learning promptly. A child arriving late may miss instructions, early learning activities or the introduction to the first lesson.

Lateness can also be unsettling for the child. Walking into a classroom once everyone else has started can make it more difficult to settle and can interrupt the learning of others.

Even small amounts of lost time add up. Ten minutes late each day is 50 minutes of learning lost every week. Across a 38-week school year, that is more than 31 hours.

Please help us by ensuring that children arrive at school in plenty of time each morning.

Every School Day Counts