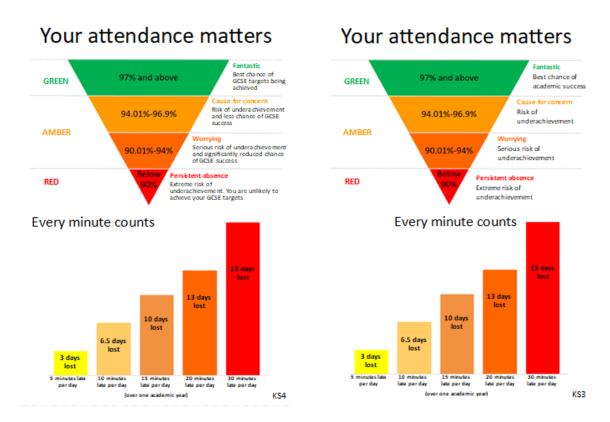
## Your child's attendance matters

Children need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education and the wider well-being of being with their peers. Missing lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind and children with poor attendance tend to achieve less well in school.

This term we have introduced posters to encourage and remind students about the importance of good attendance and timekeeping. Our school attendance target is 97% and that is what we consider to be good attendance. Once attendance drops below 97% we become concerned.



By law, it is a parental responsibility to ensure their child attends every day the school is open. You must notify the school (01295 720777 or <a href="mailto:awar1788@warriner.oxon.sch.uk">awar1788@warriner.oxon.sch.uk</a>) as soon as possible when your child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness). You must only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance. You should book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

We also ask that you support us with good time-keeping. As our posters show, just being late 5 minutes per day equates to missing 3 school days over the academic year.

We reward students with termly attendance that is 97% or above or significantly improved on the previous term with an attendance certificate. Last terms certificates will be distributed shortly.

This week we launched our first attendance incentive of this academic year. Looking at attendance over the next 3 weeks, all students with attendance of 97% or above or improved attendance will be entered into a prize draw. Prizes include a Christmas lunch from the canteen, swimming vouchers for Spiceball and movie night hampers.

If you feel you need help with your child(ren)'s attendance please contact our Attendance Officer, Beccy Lowe (<u>r.lowe@warriner.oxon.sch.uk</u>), or our Attendance Support Worker, Hazel Timms (<u>h.timms@warriner.oxon.sch.uk</u>).

Thank you for your continued support