## School Attendance

UN convention on the rights of the child:
(right to education) Every child has the right to an education.
Stanley Grove expects all children to aspire to $100 \%$ attendance. Our school target is 96\%.
This guide explains what happens if school has a concern about your child's attendance.

If your child's attendance is less than $95 \%$ we may start to monitor their attendance as good attendance provides better outcomes for children.


If their attendance continues to fall you may receive a call from a member of school or a letter requesting medical evidence for absences. Your child's attendance may no longer be authorised.

If their attendance does not improve you may be invited in for a meeting to discuss how we can work together to improve attendance and educational outcomes.


If your child's attendance still does not improve you may receive a fine from Manchester City Council.

If your child's attendance still does not improve Manchester City Council may refer this to the City Solicitors and this could lead to a criminal record.

Fact: Children who regularly miss school are less likely to get good GCSE results.

Help and support is always available from school. If you have a concern about attendance please come in and ask for an appointment to see Mrs Hollingworth, our Attendance Officer.


Children with regular attendance are happier in school and make more progress.

Attendance between $90 \%$ and $96 \%$ is too low.
We need to improve this together.

Attendance below 90\% is called 'Persistent
Absence.' Your child is missing too much education. This makes it difficult for them to make progress.

As a parent you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure your child attends school regularly. Any parents/carers of children whose absence is unauthorised may receive a Penalty Notice or be prosecuted in the magistrates' court. A Penalty Notice will be issued to each parent for each child. The Penalty Notice incurs a fine of $£ 120$ to be paid within 28 days, which is reduced to $£ 60$ if paid within the first 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal proceedings being taken against you.

