It is worth acknowledging that a great majority of our families ensure that their children attend school regularly and they aim for 100% attendance every year. We are forever seeking to improve the attendance of children of families who continue to take: "term time" holidays/book appointments/dental appointments in school time or do not make arrangements for children to attend school if a family member is ill. This has to be the duty of all schools - we are no exception! Every day counts.

Unauthorised Absence
Sometimes we are asked by receiving schools about the nature of a child’s absences. We follow UK guidelines (in order to satisfy our BSO OFSTED Inspection criteria) and we cannot authorise absence unless there is a ‘good reason’. ‘Good reasons’ include illness (backed by a doctor’s note for more than 2 days), unavoidable health appointments and religious observance. If leave is taken without prior permission, the absence is recorded as unauthorised and in the UK this could result in fixed penalty fines or legal proceedings. We will not be introducing fines for absence at TBS but it is worth knowing how seriously the UK take school attendance.

School Attendance
Working together we should aim to improve our attendance to 96% - can we do it? There are only 185 school days in a year and we want to see every child at school every day because Every school day counts!

Did you know?
All schools and many universities ask for attendance data and this informs their admissions policies

Attendance matters for the youngest as much, if not more, than for our oldest children.
Studies have shown that children with more than 10% absence in early years will be 20% behind in Reading and Maths by later primary.

Attendance that is worrying and of serious concern
90% = 19 days absence a year - worrying
85% = 28 days absence a year - Very worrying
80% = 37 days absence a year - Serious concern
75% = 47 days absence a year - serious concern - possible court action may be taken
Please consider the consequences for your child/ren.

Thank you

Satisfactory and Good Attendance
The expected target for each year group is: 96%+
94% = not more than 11 days a year
95% = not more than 10 days a year
96% = not more than 8 days a year
97% = not more than 6 days a year
98% = not more than 4 days a year

One of our priorities is to improve our school attendance. The first 6 months of the academic year showed an overall TBS attendance rate of 92%. Our school target is to match UK and US national levels of 96%. Many of our children will want to study abroad at either school or higher education institution and this is the attendance level these institutions expect. They ask for this data as part of the admissions process.

British Schools Overseas (BSO) Ofsted Inspection
As you will know, TBS undertakes a BSO Ofsted Inspection every 3 years.

Our school Attendance Percentages are low compared with the UK National Averages (currently just below 96%) as part of this quality assurance process.

It has been shown that children who attend school regularly are more confident socially and achieve higher standards across all areas.