**Attendance**

“Children and young people involved in food growing demonstrate more enthusiasm for school, reflected in reduced absence rates and in arriving early for school and later leaving.”

Food Growing In Schools Taskforce: Main Report March 2012 [**Read the full report**](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/organicgardening/food-growing-in-schools.php)

“Attendance is consistently above average because, as pupils say, ‘This is such a nice place to be’. “

Edwalton Primary School, Nottingham. Ofsted report [date?]

“The Rural Dimension at The North School raises student motivation and enjoyment of learning which is not only reflected through increased attendance and attainment but, also, by improved recruitment and retention of both students and staff.”

Lesley Ellis Head of The North School, Ashford, Kent