

Helping your
child to
succeed

Attendance



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How can I help my child?

- Only keep your child at home if they are really too sick for school.
- Always phone school if your child is going to be absent. You must call for EVERY day of absence and provide a written note on his/ her return.
- Let school know of any medical appointments and keep children away from school for as short a time as possible.
- Please DO NOT take your child out of school for holidays or family visits. They will not be authorised and you could receive a fine.
- Be organised to arrive on time. Set routines that the children can help with.

Each half term we will reward children with an attendance rate of above 98% (accompanied with a good behaviour record). We know that rewarding each half term gives EVERY CHILD A CHANCE .



We aim for 100% attendance!

We want to provide your children with the best education possible but can only do this if they are in school.

We would like *every* child to attend *every* day = 100%

Why is excellent attendance so important?

Evidence tells us that students with the best attendance make better progress and get better results than those with poor attendance.

We have found this is particularly true of pupils who have attendance of 97% or better.

Do you know what your child's attendance is?

Each half-term school has a responsibility to let you know if your child's attendance is below an acceptable level or is at risk of falling below 95%. Any child with an attendance level below 90% is classed as a "persistent absentee" and will receive a visit from the Educational Welfare Officer.

Attendance is also reported for all children on the end of school report and at parents evenings.

My child's attendance is 90% - that's good isn't it?

If your child has a 90% attendance rate across the school year that means:

1/2 DAY MISSED A WEEK

OR

4 WHOLE WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED IN A YEAR!

EVERY LESSON COUNTS!

Be on time—10 to 9!

Our school day starts as soon as the children enter the classroom. A child arriving just 10 minutes late is not only disrupting the learning of other children, but is also missing out.

10 minutes a day =

50 minutes a week =

1,950 minutes a school year =

5 MISSED SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

Please help your child to arrive in school ready to come in with their class at 8.50am. It is important for all children to be part of school routines and it helps them to start the day ready to learn.

