

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.
- Let school know of any medical appointments and keep children away from school for as short a time as possible. Where possible, make appointments outside of school hours.
- 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.
- If you need any help regarding attendance or punctuality, please ask.



School success starts
with attendance

Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days

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Helping your child to succeed

Attendance





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?

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 be put on an Attendance Support Plan.

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.

