

Get your child to school on time every day.

their future is in your hands...

There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment.

Regardless of the reason, if your child is absent from school it will impact on their learning.

Parents/carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school on time every day.

Medical Appointments

Where possible all appointments should be booked outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, the amount of school time missed must be kept to a minimum. School may not authorise the time off school if medical evidence is not provided.

Too ill to attend school?

Children can attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat), over the counter medicines can be given before school. School will contact you if they become too ill to remain in school. Children should be off school for 48 hours if they have diarrhoea or vomiting.

If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness speak to your child's school, your doctor or your pharmacist for advice.

Unauthorised Leave in Term Time (Holidays)
Children are not entitled to holidays in term time. Family holidays should be taken during school holiday periods.

Requests for leave due to exceptional circumstances preventing the period of leave being taken during school holidays must be made in writing to the Head Teacher.

Absence during Term Time

Children must not be absent from school for:

- Day trips
- Baby sitting
- Shopping
- Parent/carer or sibling illness
- Birthdays

Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school if their child is absent. A reason must be provided.

Support

If you are concerned about your child's attendance please speak to the school to discuss your concerns.

Persistent Absence

Any child with attendance below 90%, regardless of the reason for the absence, is considered to be a persistent absentee. This equates to just 2 days each month.

IS YOUR CHILD A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE?

Statistics show that persistent absentees are less likely to achieve their full potential, and can affect GCSE grades, and a child's future prospects.

Routines

The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a

GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE

If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before.

Punctuality

It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children.

Did you know?

10 MINS LATE

EVERY 33 HOURS LOST DAY = 33 HOURS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR.

Can your child afford to miss out?

