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# Attendance

# Attendance Team



					
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# What does good attendance mean?

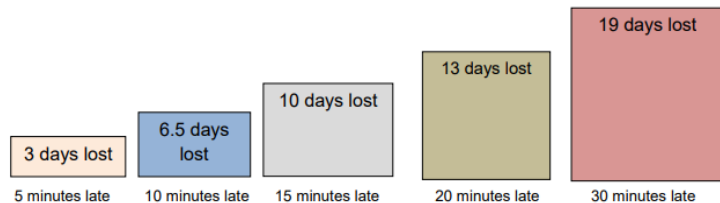
- Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life.
- The aim should be to attend 100% of the time.
- Students who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams.
- Good attendance also shows potential employers that a young person is reliable.
- Research suggests that students who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime.



# The Statistics

<b>Attendance during one school year</b>	<b>Equivalent Days</b>	<b>Equivalent Sessions</b>	<b>Equivalent Weeks</b>	<b>Equivalent Lessons Missed</b>
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	54 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	114 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	174 Lessons
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks	228 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	288 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	342 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks	402 Lessons

# Punctuality is important too



- It is also important to arrive at school on time.
- If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer.
- The graph showing how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time over one academic year.

# Persistent absence (PA)

- Attendance below 90%
- 90% attendance over 5 years of primary school = ½ a school year missed!
- Attendance is everyone's responsibility
- Pupils cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school
- Documentation is needed to support any absences

We are a fully inclusive school and as part of our statutory obligations, we meet with our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) on a fortnightly basis with the aim of improving whole school attendance and to tackle persistent absenteeism. Sometimes we are required to refer cases to the EWO in line with our statutory and legal obligations. We understand that children and families sometimes need support, and we have lots of good ideas and strategies to support our families - no problem is too big or too small - we are happy to help!

# What can you do to help?



- Find out about your child's absence regularly and check if this matches your own records
- Talk regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend school if they feel supported and their anxieties are listened to
- Phone the school as soon as possible to tell them why your child is absent and when you expect them to return
- Only grant days at home for genuine illnesses
- Avoid taking holidays in term time. These may result in a fine
- Know the routines of the school days to avoid issues e.g. Have they brought in their PE kit?
- If you have concerns—phone the school.
- Praise and reward good attendance at school.
- Keep appointments such as dental and medical, where possible, outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please try to organise for after the register has been taken in the morning or at the end of the school day. Please try to avoid appointments in the middle of the day.
- If you are having problems with morning routines at home and feel you need some support, please do contact our Learning Mentor, Louise Eaves, via the Main Office, and we will work with you, to work out the best way forward
- Absence must be reported each day by 8:50am via the school office.

# Attendance Hero

- HERE
- EVERYDAY
- READY
- ON-TIME





# How are we promoting good attendance?

- Attendance board in the main office
- Weekly cumulative draw for the previous 5 days to win £5 Amazon voucher
- Class with the highest attendance over the week win trophy/penguin and a box of chocolates
- Class with 100% attendance over the week has a mufti day
- Monthly random Attendance Hero Day
- Monthly wristband prize
- Half term cinema vouchers
- Half term badges and certificates

# How are we promoting good attendance?

- Termly – special lunch for the class with the highest attendance
- Termly – 15 prizes in 15 days

## **End of year rewards:**

- 98% + - Circus workshop / trip
- 96 – 97.9% - Cinema afternoon in the main hall with popcorn, juice and ice cream
- 98% + - Big raffle prize – KS1: Scooter, KS2: Drone
- Top 6 classes with the highest attendance over the academic year – Giant outdoor games afternoon

# Attend and Achieve!

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- If a school can improve attendance by 1%, they will see a 5-6% improvement in pupil attainment
- Please help us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 95%, allowing them to achieve their full potential

