

Attendance – Each Day Matters

Why is good attendance important?

Regular attendance is essential for children to achieve their full potential. Pupils with higher attendance do better in school and achieve better results. Regular attendance is essential for children to get the most out of their time at school including attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.

What does the law say?

The law in the UK requires that all children between the ages of 5 and 16 attend school regularly. As a parent or guardian, it is your responsibility to make sure your child attends school every day unless there is a valid reason for absence, such as illness.

Can we take a holiday?

Schools have a legal duty to make sure children attend school regularly. Taking your child out of school during term time can have a negative impact on their learning and progress. Permission for a holiday during term time can only be granted in exceptional circumstance.

What about medical appointments?

We encourage parents to make medical or dental appointments outside school hours. If this is not possible, parents should get the school's agreement in advance and the child should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment.

Good attendance is everybody's business

What can you do to help?

- Encourage good attendance
- Support our schools focus on improving attendance
- Inform us on the first day of absence and keep us up to date throughout absence.

Our approach to attendance

- We will monitor attendance that falls below 96%
- We will celebrate good attendance
- We will work with parents to overcome barriers to good attendance
- Our attendance policy sets out how we will work together to improve attendance and can be found on our website