



Attendance Information

Regular school attendance is essential for all of our children to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. Our whole school attendance target is 95% or more. It is the responsibility of parents/carers and the school to achieve this. There are 190 school days across the school year which leaves 175 days to book holidays and attend non urgent doctors and dentist appointments.

As you can see on the table below, 90% attendance is equal to missing 4 weeks of school.

Days off school add up to lost learning					
190 days of education each year	10 days absence 180 days of education	4 weeks absence 171 days of education	5 1/2 weeks absence 161 days of education	7 1/2 weeks absence 152 days of education	9 1/2 weeks absence 141 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	

Attendance

As part of our attendance monitoring we have a series of letters that will be sent out if your child's attendance falls below 90%. These letters give you information regarding your child's attendance and you will also be invited in to the school to discuss the situation.

We appreciate that children are unwell from time to time and that there can be exceptional circumstances for absences, but we ask that you think carefully about keeping your child out of school. There is a strong connection between attendance and achievement at school. Absence is proven to have a significant negative impact upon a child's educational attainment.



Authorised Absences

Below are some examples of absences which will be authorised by the school:

- Genuine illness (not just a sniffle or cough)
- Short term emergency
- Bereavement
- **Emergency** dental or doctor's appointment (please try and make appointments outside of school hours)
- Hospital treatment
- Certain days for religious observance

Unauthorised Absences

Below are some examples of absences which will NOT be authorised by the school:

- Shopping
- Birthday treats
- Days out/trips
- Non-urgent medical or dental appointments
- Oversleeping

Late Coming

Late comers miss important information at the start of the school day and disrupt children who are already settled in class and who have started their work.

Please ensure that your child or children are at school just before the bell at 8.55am so that they are ready to join their class line in the playground.

If your child is late for school this will be recorded and late-coming as well as attendance will be monitored by the school. If your child is persistently late you will be invited in to the school to discuss the situation.

