



# ATTENDANCE





# THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ATTENDANCE



80% would be an excellent exam result, but it's very low as an attendance rate, as it means your child is missing 20% of their education. This equates to one day per week.

80% over 6 years at primary school equates to 1 year and 38 days of missed education (i.e. missing 1/6)

## Lateness

There will be the rare occasion when the car won't start or the washing machine floods the kitchen. However, it's really important that a child is in school to start the day on time.

We can all relate to how we feel when we are running late. Stress levels start to rise and it can impact on the morning ahead.

Being late makes your child feel different. We notice that children often have difficulty entering a class last, when others are already learning. Lots of classes have important reading, phonics and spelling lessons first thing in the morning. Missing these affects children's development as readers and writers. This impacts on their learning across all of the areas of the curriculum.

**School starts at  
8:50am**

**DON'T BE LATE!**

# LOST MINUTES MEAN LOST LEARNING

<b>When your child misses just.....</b>	<b>That equals....</b>	<b>Your child would have lost approx....</b>
5 minutes a day	25 minutes of learning each week	3 days from school
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	5 days from School
15 minutes a day	1 hour and 15 minutes of learning each week	8 days from school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	11 days from school
30 minutes a day	Half a day of learning each week	16 days from school

## **Holidays**

Please do not take your child out of school during term time for a holiday or any other reason, such as weddings, funerals, or visiting relatives, without first requesting authorisation of the Headteacher.

We publish our term dates in advance to enable families to plan where they can. Any absence will result in your child missing out on education. You may think they can catch up easily, but if they miss an important building block, it is so much harder to keep up. Holidays in term time may incur a penalty notice of £60 per parent per child, if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 per parent per child, if paid within 28 days. Any savings you make on the price of the holiday will be less than you think.

**THERE ARE 190 SCHOOL DAYS IN A YEAR, LEAVING 175 DAYS TO TAKE HOLIDAYS AND PLAN FAMILY TIME.**

## **Illness**

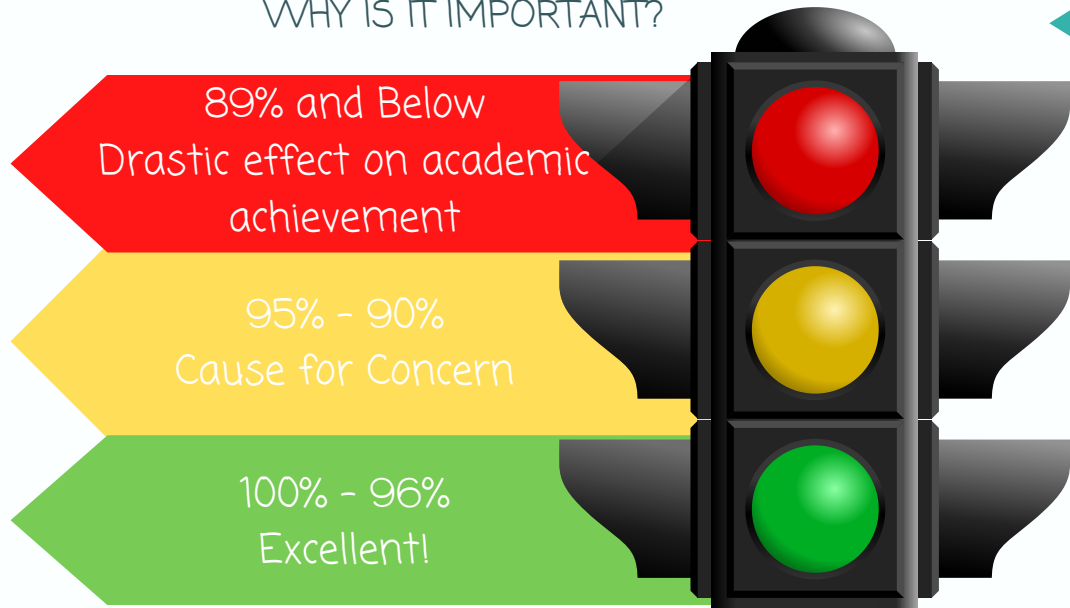
All children get ill and the school does NOT want you to send your child into school if they are genuinely ill.

Where possible, try not to round up any absence due to illness. If your child feels ill in the morning but rallies by lunchtime, send them in for the afternoon session. Similarly, if they are ill on Monday, but feel better by Thursday, send them in for the Friday. It's surprising how quickly the absences mount up, until your child is suddenly classed as being "persistently absent" Persistent absence is when a child has attendance below 90%.

School staff are here to help support good attendance and to discuss any barriers to attending school. Please contact school or Miss Williamson, our Attendance Officer, if you have any questions or issues.

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



**CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ATTEND SCHOOL 190 DAYS A YEAR. THE GOVERNMENT STATES THAT EVERY PUPIL'S ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 95%**

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

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