

SCHOOL SUCCESS STARTS WITH ATTENDANCE



Why is it so important to attend every day?

- . Pupils with good attendance, generally achieve higher grades and enjoy learning at school more. Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.
- . Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day.

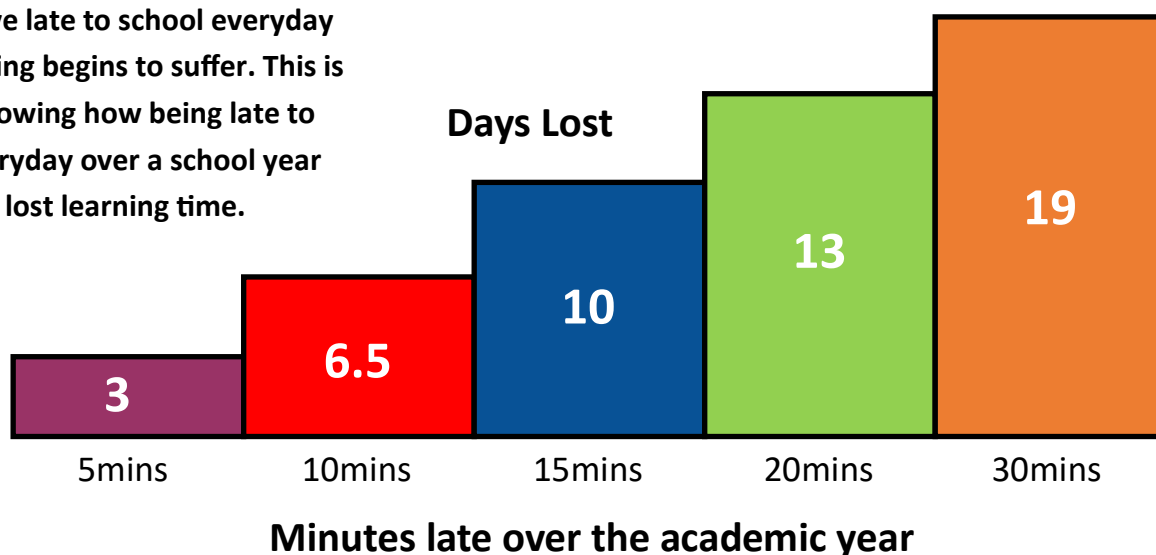
What can parents do to help?

- . Make sure that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time—you will establish a good routine that they will carry through their life.
- . If your child starts missing school, work with the school and we will help you to improve your child's attendance. We don't have all the answers, but together we are closer to a solution.
- . The school will not approve shopping trips, family holidays, birthday treats during school hours. Please arrange family holidays so that your child will not miss any learning.

PENALTY NOTICE: A penalty notice is a fine issued to parents or carers who fail to ensure their child attends school regularly. If your child accrues 5 school days absence or more in a twelve week rolling period, parents could be issued a penalty notice. This includes taking holidays in term time without the school's permission. Penalty fines are £60.00 per child/per parent/per week, if paid within 21 days and £120, if paid between 22 and 28 days. If the fine is not paid, parents will be reported for prosecution.

Every minute counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. This is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Leave of absence in term time

Head teachers are no longer able to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. An application for leave of absence must be made in advance on the appropriate form from the school office. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the Head teacher's discretion. As stated in the most recent DFE guidance on attendance, "if an application for leave of absence is not made prior to the time of the required absence then the absence will be recorded of unauthorised regardless of circumstances."

Please note that absence will not be authorised under any circumstances during any period of public examinations or internal assessments.

When should my child return to school?

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| <p>No need to stay off school*</p> <p>Conjunctivitis Glandular Fever Hand, Foot & Mouth Slapped Cheek Threadworms Head Lice Tonsillitis</p> <p>*Please contact the school office to inform us. In school we can administer medicine needed 4 times a day prescribed by a GP.</p> | <p>Chicken Pox or Impetigo When all spots have crusted over</p> | <p>Scabies After first treatment</p> | <p>Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics</p> |
| | <p>Whooping cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics</p> | <p>Diarrhoea & Vomiting 24 hours from last episode</p> | <p>Measles or German Measles 4 days from the onset of rash</p> |
| | <p>Mumps 5 days from the onset of swelling</p> | <p>Flu Until recovered</p> | <p>This information is based on the Public Health Agency Guidance on infection control on schools and other childcare settings.</p> |

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW
ATTENDANCE WORKS!



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