



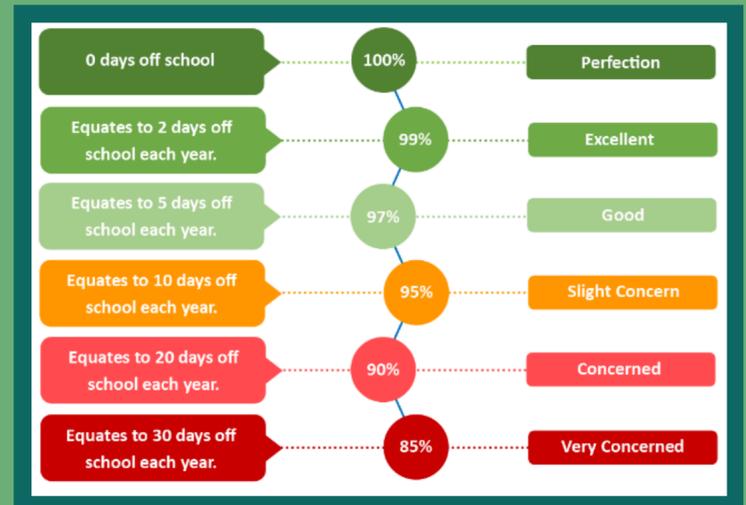
ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Being at school every day is very important because regular school attendance helps children fulfil their potential and gives them a better chance for the future.

A school year is 190 days, this leaves 175 days to spend with family, on holiday, shopping and those essential appointments. The national average for children attending school is 96%.

90% attendance over the course of the school year is the equivalent to a day off every fortnight.



Punctuality



We appreciate the effort it takes some of our families to get to school on time and we hope we can continue to work with those families that find this more of a struggle. When a pupil starts the day late, this has a negative impact on their learning, the learning of others and encourages a culture of poor punctuality across the academy.

The academy day starts at 8.20am and we expect pupils to be through the gate and on their way to their morning registration line up by 8.25am. Any pupil who arrives after 8:30am, will access the site via reception. They will be met by a member of the Attendance Team who will take their name and will issue them with a late mark ('L') and a 30-minute same day detention will be issued.

What can Parents do to support their child going to school?

We appreciate the effort it takes some of our families to get to school on time and we hope we can continue to work with those families that find this more of a struggle. Below are some tips that you can try with your child.

Communicate
Listen to what your child has to say, talk about their concerns.

Ask for help
Talk to the school, let us know your concerns.

Encourage and develop
their resilience.

Routine
Introduce regular bedtimes and getting up times.

Be positive
emphasise the positive aspects of school, being with friends and learning.

Reporting an absence

Parents/ carers must call the school each day that their child is absent. A voicemail or text should be left before 8.30am. Please note a valid reason is required in order to authorise absences i.e. 'poorly' or 'ill' is insufficient. More detail such as 'has been sick', or 'has a temperature' is required.

Where the school is concerned about any period of absence, medical evidence will be required and failure to provide may result in a fixed penalty notice. If your child has a medical condition that is affecting their attendance, please contact their Pastoral Leader and or the Attendance Team to discuss what we can do to support.

