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Every day in school counts.
Every moment matters. 



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WHY IS ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

- ✓ School attendance really matters and is everybody's business
- ✓ School is the safest place a child can be during school hours
- ✓ Regular school attendance has a strong impact on pupil progress
- ✓ Regular attendance leads to greater preparation for life and the workplace
- ✓ High attendance helps pupils achieve better results in exams
- ✓ Lessons missed means missing key information, skills and ideas
- ✓ Good attendance supports wellbeing, friendships and social skills
- ✓ Extended absence can be linked with behavioural and social problems
These effects can be long lasting and can affect a young person's mental health and their long-term life chances.
- ✓ Absences can start a negative cycle; the longer the absence, the harder it is to resolve the issues that may be leading to absence.



WHAT ARE PARENTS' AND CARERS' RESPONSIBILITIES?

- Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school. Every child is entitled to an efficient, full-time education, and it is the legal responsibility of every parent and carer to ensure their child accesses this.
- There are a very small number of reasons where a child may legally be absent from school: 1) where permission is given in advance, 2) where they are too ill to attend
- Please promote the importance of attendance and school at home
- Always contact the School if your child is not able to attend school on **01443 841230** or report via **My Child at School app**
- Promptly discuss any concerns with us so we can support you and your child
- Do not take holidays in term time
- Attendance often falls at the end of terms. Please ensure that your children attend up until and including the final day before a holiday



WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?

96%+

96% attendance is our school target

Below 90%

Below 90% attendance is classed as Persistent Absence and is a cause for concern

95%

95% attendance – you will have missed nearly 10 days from school, 2 weeks, 50 hours of lessons.

90%

90% attendance – you will have missed nearly 20 days from school, 4 weeks, 100 hours of lessons.

80%

80% attendance – you will have missed nearly 40 days from school, 8 weeks, 200 hours of lessons.



Above 96% leads to better progress, stronger friendships and greater wellbeing.



There are 365 days a year. Pupils are in school for 190 days, meaning 175 days without school each year. Every day counts!



HOW CAN SCHOOL SUPPORT ATTENDANCE?

- We make attendance high profile across the school. We track attendance on a weekly basis. We share attendance with pupils, parents / carers regularly.
- Promptly discuss any concerns with us so we can support you and your child
- The school can provide mentoring, set targets, give Hive or early passes, plan meet and greets, offer peer support, support access to extra-curricular clubs and provide quiet spaces.
- School can provide a variety of in-house wellbeing and mental health interventions
- If further support is needed, we can refer to ELSA, YEPS, Eye2Eye or The Hive (our onsite ALN provision)
- In the most complex cases, school can refer to our Family Engagement Officer and develop a Pastoral Support Plan to improve attendance.
- Some cases may need involvement from the Educational Psychologist or Attendance and Wellbeing Service



We are here to help. If you have any worries or need support, please get in touch – together we can help your child thrive.

Contact school on: 01443 841230

