

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Monitoring Attendance

We have a legal requirement to monitor your child's school attendance. This will be done regularly throughout the school year. If your child's school attendance raises a cause for concern we will contact you.

Do you need some help?

If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to school about it or alternatively seek advice.

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Attendance Works

Information for parents and carers about the importance and impact of your child school attendance



**Help Your Child Succeed In School
Build the Habit of Good Attendance**

DID YOU KNOW.....

Being on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from nursery forward.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- ◆ Gain early reading and maths skills
- ◆ Build relationships
- ◆ Develop good attendance habits.

The routines your child develops will continue throughout their whole school life.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and their teacher to develop your child's strong attendance

Talk about it—sing about it—make it an adventure!

- ◆ Set a regular bedtime routine
- ◆ Lay out clothes and book bags the night before
- ◆ Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

SO LET'S WORK TOGETHER

- ◆ Please do not take your child out of school for holidays
- ◆ If you are experiencing any difficulties in getting your child to school regularly and on time, please let us know so that we can help.

What if I am late?

If you are going to be late please ring school and provide a reason why your child is late. If you arrive after registration then your child will be marked as late in the register. If your child is late on a regular basis the Attendance Officer will contact you to offer support to help your child be on time for school.

What if my child is ill?

Please ring the school on the first day of absence and let us know when you expect them to return.

What if I am ill?

Unfortunately we can't authorise absences if a parent is ill. It is expected that you will make arrangements with family or friends to ensure that your child gets to school.

Can I take my child on holiday in school time?

Absences can only be authorised for 'exceptional' circumstances. This does not include holidays.

What absences will be authorised?

Genuine illness, urgent family crisis, hospital appointments, medical and dental appointments.

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR							DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING					
190 School days In each year	10 Days	19 days	29 days	Half a term missed	38 Days	47 Days						
	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education							
190 days for your child's education												
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%							
GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to make progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action!								