



Attendance

Attendance Matters – Is your child missing out?

The importance of good attendance and timekeeping is essential for pupils to fulfil their potential. It is also a crucial life skill. If a pupil is not in school, they are missing learning.

It is important **we work together** to monitor this closely.

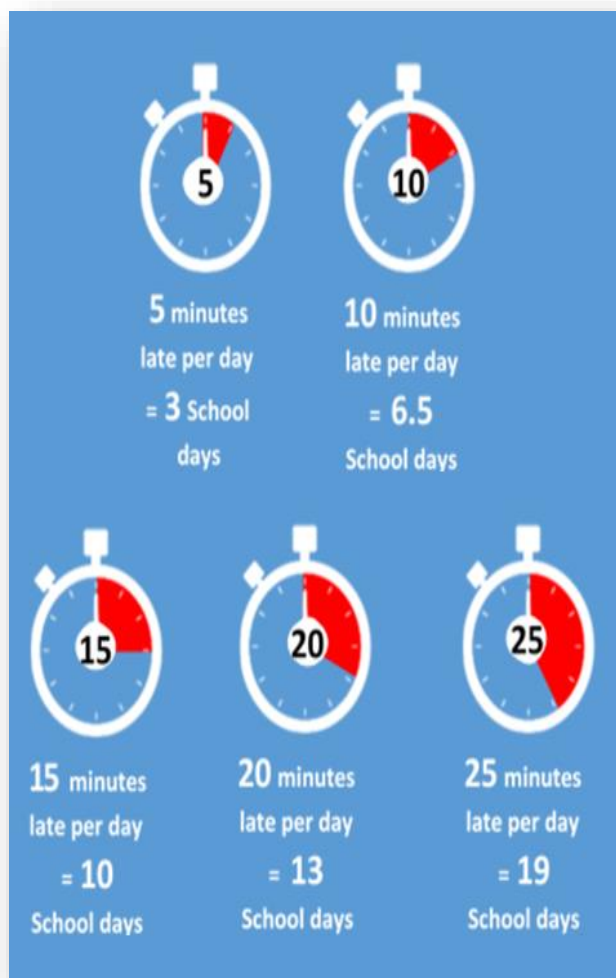
Parents/carers are by far the most important influence on children's lives and learning and are vital in shaping the mind set and behaviour of children.

You will receive attendance and timekeeping updates on all tracking reports you receive. Please pay attention to this.

What these figures mean -

Poor Attendance and Timekeeping – Missed Learning

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start.
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Less chance of success. Makes it harder to progress.
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 weeks And 3 Days of Learning Missed Almost half a term missed	Serious implications on learning and progress.
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed Half a term missed	
75% Attendance	45 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed Almost 1 whole term missed	



What can you do to help?

- Be aware of the impact of regular absences – missing school is missing out.
- Take family holidays outside of term.
- Try to arrange non-urgent dental and medical appointments outside school hours.
- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead ; build up good habits of punctuality and attendance.
- Be involved with your child's education and school – ask questions.
- Inform the school if you child is absent due to illness or other reason.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school, staff are there to help and will be supportive.

If your child has 90% attendance they will have
the equivalent of
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a **day off** per week
19 days off per year
247 days off over their school career of 13 academic years,
equivalent to over 1 year of lost education

We do understand that pupils can be unwell from time to time and that some pupils are affected more than others by health issues including anxiety. These pupils will be fully supported by school staff in their learning journey.