

Outstanding Attendance = Outstanding Learners

Attendance is essential for:

- A good learning ethos.
- Forming strong friendships.
- Safe lifestyles.
- High achievement.
- A positive attitude to work.



Simon's attendance is around 90%.
Do you think this is good?



Absent 1/2 day a week = 90% attendance per year graph

If Simon continues to attend for 90% of the time, then over 5 years he will miss the equivalent of half a school year!



Absent 1 day a week = 80% attendance per year

If Simon continues to attend for 80% of the time, then over 5 years he will miss the equivalent of 1 school year!

Year	September	→							July
1									
2	90% attendance over 5 school years = 1/2 school year missed!								
3									
4	80% attendance over 5 school years = 1 school year missed!								
5									

**Children need to be at school every day and on time.
This important learning time is lost forever!**

The family of schools working together to support your child's good attendance.

We all **need** to work together to ensure high levels of attendance.

Our aim is for children to be in the following groups

- 100% attendees who will always be rewarded in school.
- Improving attendees who are always encouraged.

What do we ask from parents?

- To contact the school on the morning of any absence.
- To send in a note on the first day of your child's return to school to explain the reason for absence.
- To make medical appointments after school hours, wherever possible.
- To take family holidays during school holidays. **A two week holiday in school time limits your child to 95% attendance.**
- To ensure the school is kept up to date with changes to contact addresses and numbers.
- To contact the school about planned absences.

What will the school do?

- Attempt to establish contact with you by telephone if no call has been received.
- Where attendance is a cause for concern, the school will offer support on how to improve attendance. This could include support by the Educational Welfare Service and other agencies.



Persistent poor attendance can lead to prosecution.

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