

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

School Matters!



**ATTEND TODAY,
ACHIEVE
TOMORROW.**

Welcome to our first attendance newsletter of the year; the aim is to promote the importance of attendance across the school community. It is really important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise the children's attendance at school so that they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their peers.

BEING AMBITIOUS ABOUT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is very important for children to achieve the best they can. If children are absent from school, it not only affects their education but they will miss out on the social side of school, which affects their ability to make and keep friends.

We appreciate that attendance levels at this time of year can be affected by illness, particularly colds and tummy bugs. We would therefore encourage all parents to send their children into school wherever possible.

However, if they have been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them off school until they have been symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours - to prevent the bug spreading throughout the school community as this has a significant, adverse effect on attendance levels of both staff and children.



BENEFITS OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE

Statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 95% make better progress socially and academically. With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school then children who are absent will find gaps in their sequential knowledge.



INTERESTING FACTS

- A persistently absent child is one who misses school for at least 10% of the time.
- Research published by the Department for Education (DfE) suggests that children with poor attendance are more likely, not to be in education, employment or training, when they leave school.
- Your child's attendance is of concern when it falls below 95%
- Children who truant from school are more likely to be involved in anti-social behaviour.
- Truancy is defined by the Department for Education as 'absence without permission from a teacher or other representative of the school.'
- Only the school, not parents/carers, can authorise an absence. School will consider, reasons and attendance, before authorising, unless sufficient medical evidence is provided.

Attendance %	Days missed	Lessons missed
95%	9	45
90%	19	95
85%	29	145
80%	38	190
75%	48	240

PUNCTUALITY

Did you know that if you're 5 mins late every day of the course of the school year that is equivalent of missing 3 days at school.