



RAISE YOUR CHILD'S  
ATTENDANCE – RAISE  
THEIR CHANCES

WHAT DOES  
“GOOD ATTENDANCE”  
MEAN?

# DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS?

## Attendance is below 90%

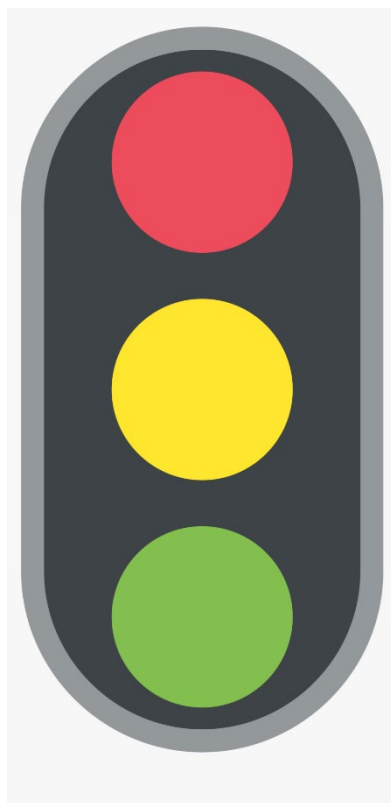
Your child is a persistent absentee according to Government guidelines

## Attendance is between 90% and 96%

We are monitoring your child's attendance

## Attendance is 96% and above

Well done, keep up the good work!



# Absence from School

Absence = LOST OPPORTUNITY

Did you know.....?

If your child's attendance during the school year	Your child would have lost approximately	OR Your child would have missed approximately
was 95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
was 90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
was 85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
was 80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
was 75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

Getting your child to school regularly matters



# DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE IS?

This is Simon

These children are in Year 3 and have 90%  
attendance

Is that good?  
What does it mean?



What impact will this have on your child's  
school life...?

Research suggests that 17 missed days from  
school equates to loss of learning and SATS  
test results drop in achievement.

**The greater the attendance, the greater the achievement.**

So, 90% attendance is not as good as it first seemed.

The DfE definition of 'persistent absence' is any pupil who is absent from school for 10% or more of possible sessions = 90% attendance.

**What can I do as a parent/carer to support the school with my child's attendance?**

- Know the school routine for alerting absence.
- Know the opening time of the school gates.
- Phone us on 02084779910 before 8.55am to tell us why your child is absent and when you expect them to return.
  - Only allow your child to stay home for genuine illness (you will know).
- If you have any concerns, phone us – we will check attendance and be supportive.



## HOLIDAYS

Holidays must not be taken during term time.

As required by the Local Authority, if your child has unauthorised leave of absence you could be issued with a penalty notice of £120 per parent, per child (discounted to £60 if paid within 21 days). If you do not pay within 28 days, the Local Authority could pursue legal action.



## What can I do as a parent/carer to achieve good attendance?

- Avoid taking holidays in term time
- Make dental/medical appointments outside of school hours whenever possible
- Know the routines of the school day to avoid issues
- Establish a good bedtime routine so your child can sleep well and make mornings less of a struggle
- Set an alarm clock – rushing is unsettling
- Talk regularly with your child about the importance of school and how they feel about it- They are more likely to attend if they feel supported and anxieties listened to.
- Don't keep children at home when their sibling is ill.
- Praise and reward good attendance – even small successes like getting in promptly, even when the first lesson is their worst.

ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO TRAVEL TO  
SCHOOL



## LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

When your child arrives late to school, they miss the teacher's instructions and introduction to the lesson.

Did you know.....?

Minutes late per day during the school year	Lessons missed during the school year
5 minutes	17 lessons
10 minutes	34 lessons
15 minutes	54 lessons
20 minutes	69 lessons
30 minutes	103 lessons

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost and can seriously disadvantage your child. This can cause anxiety and affect self-confidence.

**THE SCHOOL GATE CLOSES AT 8:40AM**





## **ATTEND AND ACHIEVE!!**

- Arriving on time to school is crucial!
- If a school can improve attendance by 1%, they will see a significant improvement in attainment (DfE)
- Please help us to help your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 95%, allowing them to achieve their potential.

## **HELP YOUR CHILD TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL**

We want them to be happy and feel safe at school, let's work together to make sure we achieve it.



## **REMEMBER**

- Praise good attendance
- You should aim for full attendance
- Recognition by the school will be given to those who achieve full attendance
- A casual approach to attendance is not acceptable
- Talk to us to resolve issues. We may be able to help and support you and your child. You are not alone

**Thank you for your continued support.**

