

Attendance



Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they 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

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Why does school attendance matter?

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. A child who misses school just 2 days per month will lose out on 18 days of education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks. **Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up.** Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can lead to big gaps in their learning. Poor attendance often starts at primary school, and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

We have a comprehensive **reward system** in place, both at class level and individually, for children who achieve good levels of attendance. These include a class attendance mascot, half termly class treat, certificates and badges and acknowledgements in assemblies and on the newsletter.



The school gates open at **8.40am**.
The children need to be ready to come ready to start coming in at this time.



The register is taken at **8.50 am**.
Arriving after this time will mean that the children are marked as late.

Punctuality

Punctuality to school is crucial. Lateness causes disruption to the individual child's learning and that of other pupils in the class, they miss out on instructions and information about the day ahead and can feel embarrassed. **Therefore, it is paramount that all pupils arrive at school on time.**

Always on time!	No hours missed!	No learning lost!
5 minutes late each day	15 hours missed	3 days learning missed
10 minutes late every day	32 hours missed	6.5 days learning missed
20 minutes late each day	65 hours missed	13 days learning missed
30 minutes late each day	95 hours missed	19 days learning missed

We regularly monitor attendance, absence and punctuality across the school and at an individual pupil level and parents are notified by letter if we have concerns. Children whose attendance or punctuality give cause for concern are then monitored weekly to track improvements.

For further information please see our Attendance and Punctuality Policy on the school website.