

# Attendance

## Attendance Matters

We keep careful track of children's time in school and our attendance expectations are a direct reflection of national policy. Download our Attendance Policy for more information.

We are legally required to monitor attendance that falls below 95% and report it to the Education Welfare Officer (EWO). If the EWO is concerned by a child's percentage attendance we will send you a letter and work with you to try and improve. If there is no improvement after this the Local Education Authority may be asked to issue a Fixed Penalty fine of £50 for every ten late or absent marks.

## Avoiding Absence

You can do a great deal to teach your child good habits, which will last them for the rest of their life:

Unless your child is seriously unwell or suffering sickness and diarrhoea we suggest you send them in to school, notifying the teacher of your concerns. Your child's wellbeing is our highest priority and if they are struggling we will always call you to come and collect them.

Please make every effort to schedule routine medical or dental appointments out of school hours or during the holidays. If you cannot avoid an appointment in school time, please make sure you let us know about it in advance.

## Why Does Attendance Matter?

Taking a day here and there can disrupt several weeks of learning over time. The table below shows how percentages translate into weeks lost from the academic year:

Attendance Rate	Education missed in one year	What if this continues over the 12 years of your child's education? They would miss...
90%	4 weeks	1 whole year of education
85%	6 weeks	Almost two whole years of education
80%	8 weeks	Two and a half years of education.