



Attendance top tips

1. Help your child to keep to routines, getting plenty of sleep, preparing their uniform and bag the night before, getting up at a set time
2. Leave plenty of time to travel into school so you arrive on time, every day
3. If appointments are needed for health reasons, try to make them during after school hours or out of term time where possible
4. Don't allow your child to stay off school for a minor ailment
5. Show an interest in what your child has done each day in school
6. Attend parents evenings to discuss your child's progress
7. Take trips during school holidays rather than term time
8. Ensure your child has a good understanding of why attendance is important
9. If your child is anxious or worried about going to school please do ask the school for help
10. Remember that habits are formed early. It is much more difficult to get your child to school regularly if you have let them stay at home 'just this once'.

Attendance facts

- 90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks.
- Prolonged absence from school can lead to loneliness. It can make it harder for your child to get along with other children and make friends
- Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is the equivalent of 6 days absence a year. BUT 100% is achieved by many pupils every year in both primary and secondary schools
- Keeping children away from school for no good reason is a criminal offence.
- A 2 week holiday or 10 days absence each year in primary school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed - this is a whole term! – imagine the real impact this will have on your child's basic literacy and numeracy skills.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

WHY IS PUNCTUALITY SO IMPORTANT?

It's a **GREAT START** to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities.

Punctuality is linked to good attendance, and as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!

ALSO...

It helps your child make friends (in the playground) which leads to improved self-confidence and therefore **SUCCESS**

AND...

It sets your child up for their future – whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or lose their job if they think it's ok to be late!

TYPES OF LATENESS

1. Arriving after 9am - Late before register closes Your child is a few minutes late – but they have missed the opportunity to say hello to and play with friends. They are likely to feel unsettled and embarrassed as they start morning lessons.

2. Arriving after 9:15am - Late after register closes This counts as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Not only has your child missed the chance to meet with their friends before school, they are likely to have missed the start of lessons and could feel unsettled, embarrassed and much less confident than their classmates as the lesson moves on.

Why does good attendance and punctuality matter?

With good attendance and punctuality children will:

- 🍎 Maintain a good standard of work
- 🍎 Understand the lessons
- 🍎 Achieve more highly
- 🍎 Feel more confident with their learning

Work is carefully sequenced and built on each day so even one day missed can mean your child may have more difficulty learning that content which can lead to a decline in confidence.

