

The Law

You need to make sure your child attends school regularly and on time. You will be **breaking the law** if you do not do this and there are no good reasons for your child missing school.

OUR SCHOOL TARGET IS 97%

We have set ourselves an overall attendance target of 97%
If home and school work closely together, we can have success!

Help and Support

If you need help with attendance you must **talk to the school about it as soon as possible.**

Sometimes, school may need to involve other services to help. The School and Local Authority **want to help you if you have a problem.** If attendance does not get better or you do not accept help and support offered, the Council may have to begin enforcement action.

Please ask us if you would like this document summarised in another language or format.

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Attendance

Essential Information for Parents Updated September 2020

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Mrs. Alison Conlin-Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs. Denise Barnes- Office Manager
Mrs. Anne Walker-Office Assistant



Attending school is very important

Your child must attend school every day. Children who are regularly absent from school miss out on opportunities which can affect their life-long chances. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact school so we can work together to improve the situation.

Lateness



Our doors open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.55am. Your child will receive a late mark if they arrive after this time. The register closes at 9.10am. If your child arrives after this time, they will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

If Your Child Is Absent You Must:

- Contact school on the first morning of absence giving details of the absence.
- Keep school informed on a regular basis if your child is absent for a long period.

Failure to do these things may result in your child's absences being unauthorised

Unauthorised absences can be recorded on the register when there is no valid reason given for absences, a holiday not approved by the school, lateness after the register closes or illness without medical evidence.

Medical Appointments



If it is possible, any appointment should be made out of school time. If this is not possible, your child should miss the minimum amount of school time necessary. **If your child is well enough to go back to school following the appointment they should do so.**

Medical Evidence

If you are asked for medical evidence you will need to provide copies of G.P appointment cards or letters, medication details or other relevant information.

Holidays / Leave of Absence

Please request an application form from school. Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel. Unauthorised leave may result in a fixed penalty notice (fine) or court prosecution.

Persistent Absence

If your child's attendance falls to 90% or below, this is considered, by Government to be persistent absence. Where attendance falls below 90% and there are unauthorised absences, this will result in you receiving a letter from school. It may also result in you being asked to come into school to discuss absences with the Head Teacher. In some circumstances there may be a referral to the Local Authority for enforcement action.



Please remember to contact us if your address or contact details change!