

Schools are expected to have an overall attendance of 95% or above.

Did you know that lateness counts towards absence?

Please feel free to speak to our SENCO Mrs Cocks if you feel you need some help or support with your child's attendance or punctuality.

Mrs Wood will be asking to meet with parents or carers of any child whose attendance has fallen below 90% within one half term, or has been persistently late.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

They learn better. They make friends. They are happier. They have a brighter future.



Missing school means missing out!



Running late?

Attendance affects achievement

Did you know? Research shows that higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Research published by the Department for Education (DfE) suggests that children with poor attendance are more likely not to be in education, employment or training when they leave school.

It argues that there is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement, highlighting that only 3% of pupils who miss more than 50% of school manage to achieve 5 or more A*-C GCSEs, including English and Maths, compared with 73% of pupils who have more than 95% attendance.

Is 80% good?

An 80% mark in an exam may be good but 80% attendance through four years of school equal a full school year lost.



Are you having problems getting your child to school for any of these reasons?

- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven't done their homework
- watching TV
- are worried about a test or homework to hand in
- it is their birthday...

If you are finding it difficult getting your child into school you may find having a set routine can help.

Some tips are:

- 👤 have a set time to go to bed
- 👤 have a set time to get out of bed
- 👤 have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- 👤 have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- 👤 set a time for daily homework activities
- 👤 speak about school positively
- 👤 be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!



Legal Responsibilities

Parent/carers of children of legal school age must make sure they receive a fulltime education. They must ensure their child attends school regularly and stays there all day.

Law

Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 is the law under which a parent/carer can be prosecuted.

The Consequences

Parent/carers can be taken to court for the breaking the law. The maximum penalty is a fine of up to £2,500 per parent per child (for you and your partner) and/or up to 3 month's imprisonment.

Penalty Notice

The Local Authority also have the power to issue a penalty notice, (Penalty notices start at £50 per parent per child - if not paid the fine will rise to £100. Failure to pay may lead to prosecution).



Lateness has a negative impact

Being late can:

- Disrupt lessons
- Affect achievement
- Embarrass/upset your child

Being late adds up to loss of learning:

5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year;

10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year;

15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year;

20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year;

30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year;

Being on time means not missing out!