



The Importance of Attendance

Every Day Counts!

Good school attendance enables children to feel confident and happy about the schoolwork and activities they take part in. As a parent, you can support your child to enjoy school life to the full by ensuring they attend school every day and on time.

Children who attend school every day make better progress and achieve more than those who miss some days or weeks in a learning term.

If you are worried or feel that there is a problem with your child's attendance, please speak with Mrs Daniels, our Admissions and Attendance Supervisor, who can provide support.



100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days Absence 1 week & 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days Absence 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days Absence 5 weeks & 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days Absence 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days Absence 9 weeks & 1 day of learning missed	Unacceptable



Attendance Facts

If your child's attendance is 80%, this means that they lose:

- 1 day every week
- 6 days every half term
- 12 days every term
- 36 days every year
- 180 days in five years

That's nearly one whole year of school.

Time missed at school can lead to gaps in knowledge that become difficult to fill.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Any leave of absence **MUST** be applied for in advance by completing an Absence Request Form which can be obtained from the school office. The Education Welfare Officer will be informed when parents take their children on holiday during term time, and this may lead to a penalty notice and fine being issued by the local authority.

Holidays during term time cannot be taken for the following reasons:

- Availability of cheap flights or holiday
- Visiting family who haven't been seen for a while
- A relative having an operation
- Having 100% attendance so far

Punctuality

Being 15 minutes late every day will add up to two weeks of school missed every year! Over sleeping is not an excuse!



Unacceptable reasons for absence include:

Shopping	Siblings were ill
Birthday treats and trips	Parent was ill and could not bring child
Non-urgent medical and dental appointments	Went to bed late/Overslept
Visit relatives that they have not seen in a while	Weather conditions



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TDET Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn 2022	
Term 1 (35 days)	Staff Training Day – Thursday 1 st September 2022
	Staff Training Day – Friday 2 nd September 2022
	Starts for students – Monday 5 th September 2022
	Ends for staff and students – Friday 21 st October 2022
Term 2 (38 days)	Starts for staff and students – Monday 31 st October 2022
	Ends for staff and students – Wednesday 21 st December 2022
Spring 2023	
Term 3 (27 days)	Staff Training Day – Wednesday 4 th January 2023
	Starts for students – Thursday 5 th January 2023
	Ends for staff and students – Friday 10 th February 2023
Term 4 (30 days)	Starts for staff and students – Monday 20 th February 2023
	Ends for staff and students – Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer 2023	
Term 5 (28 days)	Staff training day – Monday 17 th April 2023
	Starts for students – Tuesday 18 th April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2023 – Bank Holiday
	Ends for staff and students – Friday 26 th May 2023
Term 6 (32 days)	Starts for staff and students – Monday 5 th June 2023
	Ends for students – Tuesday 18 th July 2023
	Staff Training Day – Wednesday 19 th July 2023 (this may be disaggregated)

Students 190 days

Staff 195 days

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