



# Attendance Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our March newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all our families who consistently ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is where it needs to be. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference to their future. We really appreciate your support.

## Why Attendance Matters

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved attainment which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects in the future.

As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills

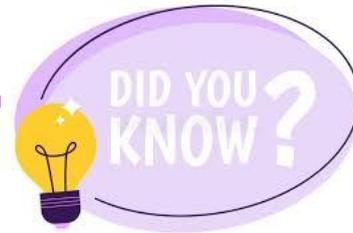
### When is it not ok for your child to stay away from school

**Holidays** - only in exceptional circumstances will term time holidays be authorised by the school.

**Birthdays** - your child should still attend, even if it is their Birthday.

**Shopping/Family Days Out** - or any other activity for which there is no serious reason for your child to stay away from school.

There are 175 non school days a year. This is 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.



Children with attendance above 96% are far more likely to meet expected standards than those with lower attendance.

Attendance below 90% is a national concern. The DfE defines attendance below 90% as Persistent Absence, meaning a child is missing around 1 day of school every fortnight.

Early support makes the biggest difference. Schools that work early with families when attendance dips see better long-term outcomes than those who wait until absence becomes entrenched.





## Working together

Some pupils find it harder than others to attend school. If your child struggles to attend school we can work collaboratively to address any barriers. Both the school and parents/carers can work together to put the right support in place. If your child is struggling please speak to Mrs O'Connor.



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## The Law

- The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full time education
- It is the legal responsibility of every parent/carer to make sure their child receives education
- Poor attendance could be referred to the Education Welfare Service where penalty notices may be issued

Miss school...  
**MISS OUT**

**Coming to school when you are a bit under the weather**

**Feeling a little sniffly? Don't worry, your child can still learn!**

Most mild illnesses like colds and coughs can be managed at school. Keeping your child home unnecessarily can disrupt their learning and social development.

If you're unsure, consult your local pharmacy, or your child's doctor for advice. Let's prioritise their education and well-being together!

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