



95 – 100%
Very Good
Reward points
will be given

90 – 94.9%
**Below
expectations**

Under 90%
**Problems with
attendance?**
See the
attendance team

Practicalities

- ☺ You need to make attendance a priority.
- ☺ It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school to report any absence.
- ☺ **Tel 01273 274100 and dial 1.**
- ☺ **First Call System:** If a student is absent in the morning and the school has not received an explanation, we will telephone or text home.
- ☺ You should send a note into school upon your child's return, explaining the reason for absence.
- ☺ Your child should return to school as soon as he/she is able to do so.
- ☺ Students who are late may be detained for up to 15 minutes. **Parents will not be contacted.**
- ☺ Persistent lateness will result in an hour detention. Parents will be informed of this.
- ☺ If you fear your child has not attended school, telephone the school so a check can be made.
- ☺ If you have ANY concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attendance Facts

If your child attends school **100%** they will be able to make the best of all the opportunities available to them.

Children who attend above 90% are more likely to gain 5 or more A-C GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.

If your child has **90%** over the whole 11 years at school, they will have missed over one year's education!

91.1% attendance = missing 17 days of school in one year.

Missing 17 days a year also means dropping 1 GCSE grade (on average).

Children with less than 85% attendance are unlikely to gain 5 A*- C GCSEs.

82.1% attendance = missing 34 days of school in one year.

If your child has **80%** attendance over the whole 11 years at school, they will miss over TWO years education!

Poor attendance like this will have a serious impact on education and life chances.



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We can only teach those who attend

Punctual and regular school attendance is an essential requirement for successful learning from the time a child starts school

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

If you need this booklet in large print or in an alternative version, please contact
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Holidays

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- ☺ Spend time together
- ☺ Go on family visits and days out
- ☺ Go on holiday
- ☺ Go shopping
- ☺ Attend routine appointments

If your child has a holiday of 2 weeks during term time and has a 1 week period of illness, they would miss 75 hours of education in an academic year. If this pattern were to be repeated throughout your child's school life, they would miss almost a year of their education.

Year 11 Prom

In order to be invited to the Year 11 prom, students must have an attendance of **93%** or more.



Wherever possible please make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours



Illness

If your child is likely to be off school for more than a couple of days, please contact the school as there will be work your child is able to complete at home so they do not fall too far behind. Students are able to access work through our virtual learning environment.

Be Safe

Truancy/unsupervised absences can put students at risk. **Persistent absentees** are statistically more likely to become teenage parents, unemployed or homeless or to engage in petty crime and drug abuse.

Good attenders are less likely to fall into these dangers. A persistent absentee is a student who misses on average one day of school each week throughout the academic year.

**80% attendance =
A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE**

The Law

The Education Act 1996 requires parents to ensure their children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education.

The law says that parent/carers whose children of compulsory school age are absent from school without good reason are committing an offence.

Unauthorised absence includes:

- ☺ Arriving after the register has closed
- ☺ All day dental/medical appointments
- ☺ Birthdays
- ☺ Shopping – even for school clothes
- ☺ Family holidays
- ☺ Looking after sick relatives or younger children

You need to be aware that, although you may provide a reason for absence, it is the school which decides if the absence is recorded as authorised or unauthorised.

The Local Education Authority can issue a fixed penalty notice for unauthorised absence

Please check your child's attendance on their report