



Overall Attendance
Sept 2018 – July 2019 = 97.17 *
(an improving picture)
Sept 2017 – July 2018 = 96.01
Sept 2016 – July 2017 = 96.84

December 2019

Dear Parents/ carers,

The Department for Education expects schools and local authorities to promote good attendance and reduce absences, including persistent absence. This is because we know that missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. The Ofsted requirement for 'Good' is to achieve 96% attendance. As a school we work incredibly hard to support all children and their families to ensure that children have good attendance. To keep you more informed and to heighten your awareness we will be sending out letters at the start of next term to inform you of your child's attendance should this fall below the expected standard. This is so you can monitor it with us and to ensure that your child meets the 96% target set by the Department for Education.

This school year 21 children are below the 96% attendance target!

We celebrate good attendance termly, but we also have a statutory duty to record any attendance that falls below 96%, and to report any attendance below that level to the Education Welfare Officer.

I look at attendance weekly and as from the New Year when attendance falls below 96%, I will be sending a letter to parents informing you of this. If attendance is seen to fall over the course of the next two half terms, I will contact you and arrange a meeting. **If it falls below 95% then the Education Welfare Officer will be informed, and this will be followed up appropriately in each individual case.**

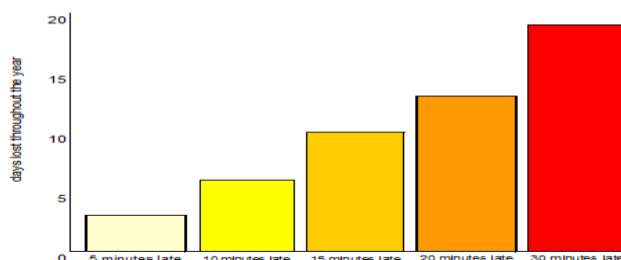
Punctuality matters!

Any lateness is both damaging to your child's education and is disruptive to other pupils who have arrived in class on time. Registration is an important starting point to each day, the children are welcomed, and they are working by 8.55am on essential learning. Children who miss out will often be unsettled for the rest of the day.

Every School Day Counts

Being late adds up to a loss of learning

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to 3 schools days lost each year.
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year



Figures rounded up to the nearest half day