



Supporting Families

ATTENDANCE

Why is attendance important?

Being in education until age 18 isn't just a legal requirement, it is to help children fulfill their potential. Some of the many reasons good attendance is important are:

To learn

To develop awareness of other culture, religious, ethnicity and gender differences.

To have fun

To achieve


To make friends

To experience new things

To have the best possible start in life

To build confidence and self-esteem

To develop new skills



Children and Young People who regularly miss school are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve in learning, and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

What does your child's attendance mean across the year?



Every single day a child is absent from school, equates to a day of lost learning. Whilst 90% attendance seems positive, attendance percentages can be misleading.

How Families Can Help:

Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings.

Ensure your child is on time for school/nursery (9am).

Arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible.

Take an interest when your child talks about school/ nursery.

Don't book holidays during term time.

Where possible, attend school events like Sports Day and Head Teacher's Assembly.

Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school/nursery. In the first instance, talk to your child's class teacher or key worker. We are here to help and support your child.

How School Can Help:

If you are having difficulties in maintaining good attendance for your child, there are various ways we can support you. This can include an early help referral; a soft start with a trusted adult in school; meet and greet support for your child; and signposting to further support.

Please don't be afraid to reach out and ask for support if you are struggling.