

Why is attendance important ?



Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things.
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends.
- Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school.
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and get better at what we do.
- Being at school every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college or university when you get older.
- It's the law.



What happens if you don't come to school?

- Children don't learn as well and will get behind with their learning.
- You might get bored at home and develop bad habits and become lazy.
- You don't get to make as many friends.
- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.
- At school we think 97%+ daily attendance is what each class should aim for.
- Children should always try to come to school unless they are REALLY ILL. If your attendance is below 95%, letters will be sent to your parent/carer and a meeting might be held.
- Holidays are strictly not allowed in term time and a parent/carer may be fined if they take you away during school term time.



What should your parent/carer do if you don't come to school

- Telephone school on the first day of absence and every day you are unwell.
- Explain to a teacher on the gate or call into the school office at the start of the day.



Rewards

- Attendance draw for £5 gift voucher in assembly at the beginning of each week.
- Attendance draw for a book for a child in each class in EYFS at the beginning of each week.
- Rewards at the end of the term and year for 100% attendance.
- Star in the Jar whole class attendance incentive.
- 'In Time Week' with a raffle for a voucher.