

Good attendance means being at school for **at least 96%** of the time.

There are **365 days** in a year.

We only spend **190 days** at school... that leaves **175 days** for families to go on holiday, have days out, go shopping or attend non-urgent medical appointments.

It only takes **8 days** absence over a school year to put your child's attendance below 96%.

It only takes **19 days** absence over a school year for your child to be classed by the Government as Persistently Absent at 90%.

Some absences are unavoidable. We understand that children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. The important thing is to get your child to school as often as possible.



Things you can do to keep good attendance:

- ☞ Trust the staff in school to look after your child even when they might be feeling a little unwell, we will always call if we feel they need to go home. Staff can also administer medicine to children with parental permission.
- ☞ If your child misses the morning session because they need a bit more rest, bring them to school for the afternoon session, even half days count.
- ☞ Use the Gateway APP to keep track of your child's attendance.
- ☞ Speak to your child's Class Teacher if you are having any particular issues with your child's health or getting them to school, we may be able to help.
- ☞ Try to make any necessary medical appointments during term time for after school or at the earliest after 1.30pm so your child still gets their mark.
- ☞ Speak to a member of staff if you are unsure about how soon a child can return to school after an illness. You know your child if you feel they are well enough to come then send them in!
- ☞ Use school holidays and INSET days to go away with your family, as term time holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Good time keeping means being at school before 8.50am.

Being just **5 minutes** late a day loses **3 days** of learning a year.

Being **15 minutes** late each day is the same as missing **two weeks** of school.

The better your child's attendance, the better your child will achieve – it's as simple as that!

