

Attendance Matters



Why Is Attending School Regularly Important For Your Child?

Attending school every day will:

- ✓ give your child the best possible start in life
- ✓ allow them to experience new and exciting things
- ✓ help them to discover their talents and realise their potential
- ✓ provide them with the skills to make and keep new friends



What Does Good Attendance Mean?

Good attendance means your child attending school every day and on time, unless there is a genuine and unavoidable reason not to





Missing School = Missing Out!

**Being absent from school means
your child will miss out on
opportunities to learn and
develop**

**They will also miss out on
spending time with their friends**



**School is open for pupils 190
days a year**



**This leaves families with 175
days to spend time with
friends, go on holiday, go
shopping and attend
appointments**



Lost Learning

Attendance	Days of lost learning in one year	
95%		9 ½ days 47½ hours
90%		19 days 95 hours
85%		28½ days 142 ½ hours



Good school attendance begins at home

Children learn from people around them, so it is important that you provide them with positive messages about going to school

Ensuring your child attends school every day from the start will help them to settle quickly, keep and maintain friendships and enjoy the school environment



More Ways To Help Your Child Attend Regularly



- ✓ **Make sure your child attends school every day they can**
- ✓ **Arrange medical and dental appointments outside of school hours**
- ✓ **If your child has a minor ailment contact school to discuss whether or not they can still attend**
- ✓ **Share any concerns you or your child may have with a member of staff**



What To Do If Your Child Is Absent

If you are sure that your child needs to be absent from school, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible

This is really important as we will worry if we are unaware of the reason for absence

Please contact school no later than 9:15 on the first day of absence

If it is agreed that the absence is necessary this will be recorded on your child's register as an authorised absence

If no reason is provided the absence will be recorded as unauthorised



What is the difference between authorised and unauthorised absence?

The Department for Education (DfE) states that you can only allow your child to miss school if they are ill, or if there are exceptional circumstances causing the absence

In either of these situations the absence would usually be authorised by the headteacher

In most cases the following reasons for absence would NOT be authorised:

- shopping trips
- holidays
- birthdays
- visiting family

Absences where parents haven't given a reason are also recorded as unauthorised



What happens if my child's attendance is low?

As a parent, it is your responsibility to make sure your child attends school every day and on time

If your child's records show a lot of absences we will contact you to discuss how we can support you as a family in ensuring regular attendance

If your child has a lot of unauthorised absences the matter will be passed to the Local Authority who will contact you to discuss the concern



Punctuality Matters Too!

Arriving to school on time provides your child with a chance to greet their friends before the start of school

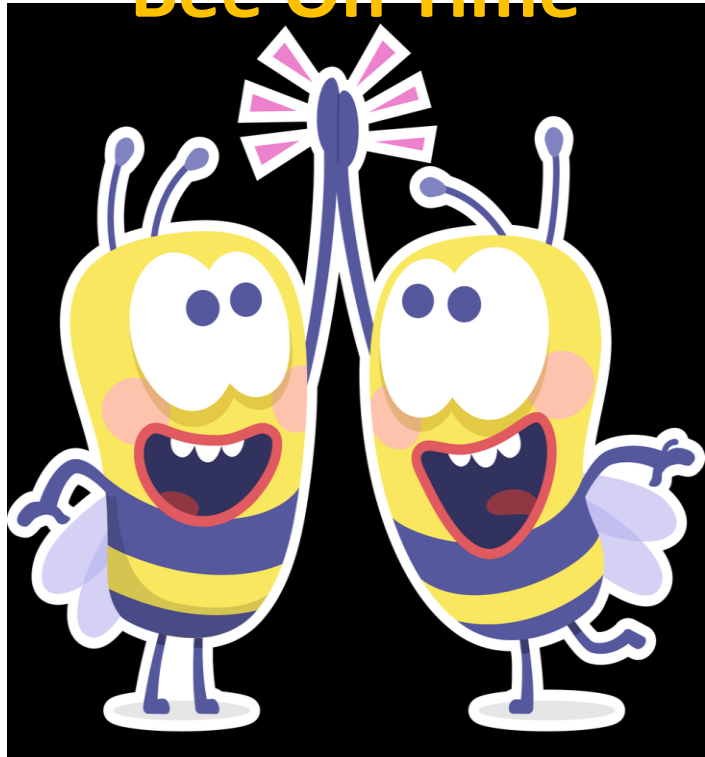
It also allows them to get settled in their class before learning activities start

Being late means they will miss out on important information from their teacher which will help them with their learning activity

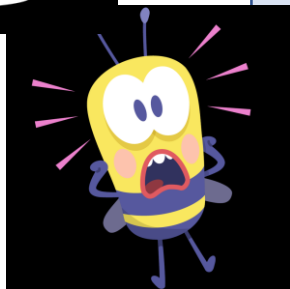


Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

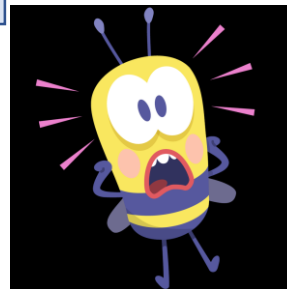
Bee On Time



3
Days
Lost



Minutes late
per day



10 Minutes
late per day

6.5
Days
Lost



15 Minutes
late per day

10
Days
Lost



Holidays During Term Time

Head Teachers are no longer able to authorise any holidays during term time for pupils

Permission for leave of absence will only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances

Please do not make any travel arrangements before speaking to school

Parents who take their children out of school without permission can face fines of up to £120 per parent, per child

Did you know?

A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

94.7%





We are able to provide help and support for any family experiencing difficulties with ensuring regular attendance

If you or your child have any concerns regarding school, or if you are facing any issues that you feel may prevent attendance, it is important that you speak to school



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