

Every School Day Counts

Inspiring lives; Creating possibilities; Shaping futures



As Parents/Carers you have the responsibility to ensure your child attends school so they are given the best start and the best chance for future opportunities.

Education plays a major part in this and it helps children develop their social skills and their sense of responsibility and school also teaches the skills we need to face the grown up world.

- Do you want the best for your child?
- Do you want your child to make friends and have fun?
- Would you like your child to learn skills to help them be a responsible child and become a responsible adult?
- Would you like your child to learn skills that they need now and in later life?

What about doctor's or dentist appointments?

Where possible, these should be made after school. If this is not possible, don't waste a whole day. Send your child to school, pick them up shortly before the appointment and return them straight after. If your child's attendance is poor, the school may ask to see appointment cards.

What if my child is ill?

You should telephone the school at once if your child cannot attend that day. If your child is absent and the school have not heard from you, they may contact you to ensure your child's safety and to find out the reason for their absence. You should ensure that the school has up-to-date contact numbers so they can contact you in an emergency.

What does school offer your child?

- An environment to make friends and learn social skills which will help them maintain friendships now and in later life.
- An opportunity to experience new and different activities.
- An opportunity to share experiences.

- The ability to communicate with other children and adults.
- The confidence to attempt new activities/learning and the ability to complete the tasks.
- Higher self-esteem and self-confidence.
- A structured environment which teaches routine and the understanding of and need for rules.
- The chance to learn as many skills as possible to give children the best opportunities of employment in future years.

Can sending my child late to school really matter?

Yes it can. School is a fast moving environment. School groups change and new groups form even in 10 minutes. This can make it difficult for children who are brought to school late (groups have already formed, experiences shared, conversations missed). This can make a child feel uncomfortable and feel 'left out'. If they continually arrive late for school they may begin to dread this feeling and experience, they will lose confidence in themselves and will find their school work suffers.

Can missing some days make that much difference?

Children who miss school regularly may experience the same feelings. It may be difficult when returning to school to find situations/groups have changed or maybe the whole class have participated in an event or activity. Can you imagine how your child will feel, when everyone is talking about this event and your child is unable to participate in the conversation because they hadn't been at school. They may well feel isolated, different, left out, and maybe even angry, or they may seek attention by misbehaving.

- ❖ **It is very important that pupils arrive at school in time for the start of the School Day.**
- ❖ **Pupils who arrive late miss important information given by the class teacher.**
- ❖ **They disrupt other pupils when they join the class.**
- ❖ **They draw attention to themselves.**
- ❖ **It is a parents/carers responsibility to ensure that their child arrives at School at the correct time.**
- ❖ **Persistent lateness is treated in the same way as non-school attendance and can result in Prosecution in the Magistrates Court.**

If there are any reasons why your child cannot arrive at School on time please contact the admin team on 01709 531867