

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

In order for children to reach their full potential, high levels of attendance and punctuality are essential. It is important for children to ensure continuity of learning, establish a good work ethic, promote a sense of responsibility and a serious commitment to school.

Even one day missed from school without very good reason is one too many.

Children who are absent for substantial parts of their education fall behind and struggle to catch up.

Persistent absence is a serious problem. Much of the work children miss when they are absent from school is never made up, leaving them at a considerable disadvantage to their peers.

There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement.

We have a variety of initiatives we use to continue to improve our school attendance. For example, rewards for the class with the best attendance for the week: movie afternoons, golden room and an end of year trip!

As part of our attendance procedures in school, we have adopted the use of Traffic Light System to provide parents/carers with an easy-to-understand overview of your child's attendance.

Green	100 % – 95%	Your child's attendance meets our school expectations and is on target. Well done!
Amber	95% - 90%	Attendance requires improvement and is being monitored closely by school and you may be called in school for a meeting
Red	90% and below	Your child's attendance is far from our expectations, and they are now on the persistent absentees list. Unless rapid improvement is made you will be flagged to the Education Welfare Officer and your case may be referred on further, which can lead to legal intervention.

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons