







How Parents can help







-  Contact the school promptly on the first morning of every absence.
-  Make every effort to arrange medical and dental appointments outside of school hours.
-  Encourage your child to attend school regularly
-  Support the school in ensuring that your child arrives promptly at school every morning.
-  Contact the school to discuss any problems or emerging issues with your child.
-  Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.

Holidays



We ask all parents for their full support in ensuring that holidays are not taken during term-time. There are a total of 175 non-school days every year to take holidays and arrange other family visits and activities.

Why regular attendance at school is so important

-  To achieve your child's full potential.
-  To learn and to make new friends.
-  To develop a wide range of new skills
-  To build confidence and self-esteem
-  To develop social skills
-  To develop awareness of other cultures and to be part of a wider community

Remember

Give your child the best start in life.

Every Hour Counts. Every Day Counts

For further information, please either contact your child's school or your local Education Welfare Officer.



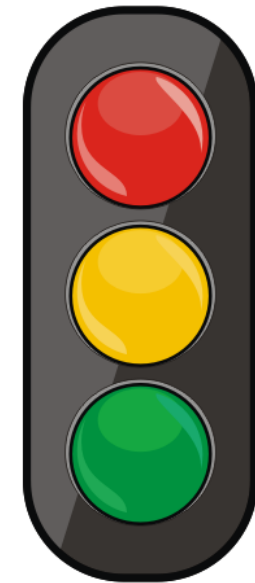
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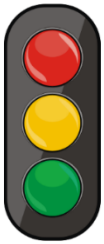
Attendance Scheme



Attendance Information for Parents

School Attendance

Our school is working very closely with the Education Welfare Service to promote the importance of regular school attendance



As part of our attendance strategy, we will be monitoring and addressing patterns of school attendance through the “STRIVE FOR 95+” Scheme. You will be receiving a letter informing you of your child’s “Attendance Zone” at the end of each school term.

The 3 different attendance zones are

Zones	Attendance Thresholds
Green	Attendance of 95% or above
Amber	Attendance between 90% and below 95%
Red	Attendance below 90%

We therefore, as a school wish to work closely with parents to help and support all pupils to move into or stay in the Green Zone.

Traffic Light Zones

Each “Attendance Zone” represents different levels of pupil absence.

Green Zone

All pupils who are in the “Green Zone” have an attendance level of 95% or more. This zone recognises patterns of good to excellent school attendance. Pupils who fall within this are more likely to do well at school and achieve good results.

Amber Zone

All pupils who are in the “Amber Zone” have an attendance level of between 90 to 94.9%. Pupils with this level of attendance are a cause for concern and are at risk of under achieving at school.

Red Zone

All pupils who are in the “Red Zone” have an attendance level of below 90%. Pupils who fall within this zone are regularly absent from school and are significantly less likely to achieve their potential. Such pupils will be closely monitored by the Education Welfare Service.

Attendance

Absence Days all add up

Attendance	Total of Missed Days
98%	4 days lost
96%	8 days lost
90%	20 days lost
85%	29 days lost
80%	38 days lost

Remember

Only 90% attendance over 5 years represents half a year off school.



Punctuality

It is also very important to attend school every day and on time.

5 minutes late each morning and afternoon and your child will miss 1 hour of school every week or a full day each term.

So being on time counts too!