

“It’s just one day every now and then!”



Attendance and Punctuality

It all adds up!



Every Minute Counts!

Being late for school reduces learning time.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed per year.

15 minutes late every day = 9 days of learning missed per year.

Arriving late can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.



“Does It Really Matter?”

Children only get one chance at school, and your child’s chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for teachers to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children’s ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.
- Employers want to recruit people who are reliable. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age will also help your child later on in life.

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows that children who are not regularly attending school are:

- More likely to become involved in, or be the victim of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- More likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results
- More likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine.
- More likely to have reduced self-esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard having missed out on key information.



When is absence authorised?

There may be times when our child has to miss school because they are unwell. If your child becomes ill you should notify Ms Dymott immediately and follow the school's absence procedures.

Children may have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time. However, you should, whenever possible, try to make a routine appointment such as a dental check during the school holidays or after hours. We will request medical evidence to validate absences for medical reasons.

If you think you might need to take your child out of school, discuss the reasons with Ms Dymott as soon as possible. Absences will only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances.

Please use the Weduc app to report an absence. (If you need help setting this up please let us know.)

We celebrate great attendance

- Weekly certificates for the class with the highest attendance
- A mufti day for the best class attendance over a half term.
- Celebration evenings for 100% attenders including: film night, burger and games night and the sleepover.
- Special certificates for 100% attendance over a whole year.
- Certificates for improved attendance.
- Celebration afternoons for parents and children with an improvement of 5%+

Illness/ sickness and expected absence.

Illness	Length of time absence needed
Covid	3 days off after that the child can return when they feel well.
Chicken pox	Children can return once all spots have scabbed
Measles	Children should stay off school for 4 days from when rash occurs or longer if they are still unwell.
Ring worm	Children can return to school as soon as they have started treatment
Sickness and diarrhoea	Children should stay off school for 48 hours (2 days)
Conjunctivitis	Children can return to school as soon as they have started treatment
Impetigo	Children can return to school 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment