

School Attendance



100% attendance is achieved by many pupils across Kent
It can be done!



SOME FACTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE:

It is the school, not the parent, that decides whether or not to authorise an absence.

Children can feel embarrassed when they enter the classroom late and it does disrupt the learning of others.

Prolonged absence from school can lead to loneliness. It can make it harder for your child to get along with children and other friends.

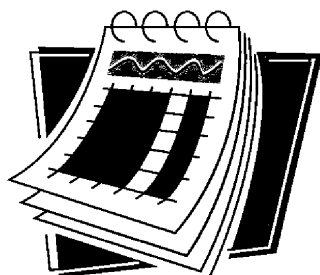
Keeping children off of school for no good reason is a criminal offence.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR EARLY SIGNS OF YOUR CHILD NOT WANTING TO GO TO SCHOOL. PLEASE SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN SCHOOL IF YOU ARE CONCERNED.

10 Top Tips to help you get your child to school on time.

1. *Pack school bags the night before school.*
2. *Check that they have everything that they need: books, PE kit, dinner money etc.*
3. *Make sure their uniform is ready, especially after weekends.*
4. *Ensure that they get to bed at a reasonable time so that they have a good night's sleep.*
5. *Set an alarm clock so that you can all wake up in plenty of time to get ready properly for school*
6. *Encourage them to eat breakfast*
7. *Set off for school in plenty of time to allow for traffic; **punctuality is important.***
8. *If your child is finding work hard, then talk to their teacher.*
9. *If you are unhappy about something that has happened in school, then contact the school straight away to try to resolve the problem.*
10. *Talk to your child about what they did in school today.*

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school regularly and on time.



The school year is made up of 190 days.

How much education has your child missed?

- 95% = 9.5 days
- 90% = 19 days
- 85% = 28.5 days
- 80% = 38 days
- 75% = 47.5 days
- 70% = 57 days

90% attendance is the same as having half a day off every week.

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If you child has less than 90% attendance, they will be classed as a persistent absentee.

2 days' absence in a month due to illness would still mean your child may be counted as a persistent absentee.

There are some acceptable reasons for absence from school:

- Contagious diseases
- Medical appointments that could not be arranged during the school holidays or after school hours.

Unacceptable reasons:

- Not returning your child to school after a dental or medical appointment
- Overslept
- No uniform
- Birthday
- Car broke down
- Minor illnesses
- School work is too hard