

Attendance Matters

Information for parents and carers about the importance and Impact of your child school attendance



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What happens if I am Late?

If you are going to be late, please ring school so they are aware that your child is going to be late. If your child arrives after registration they will have to sign in the book at the office and will be marked as late to school. You will also be asked to provide a reason for your child being late for school.

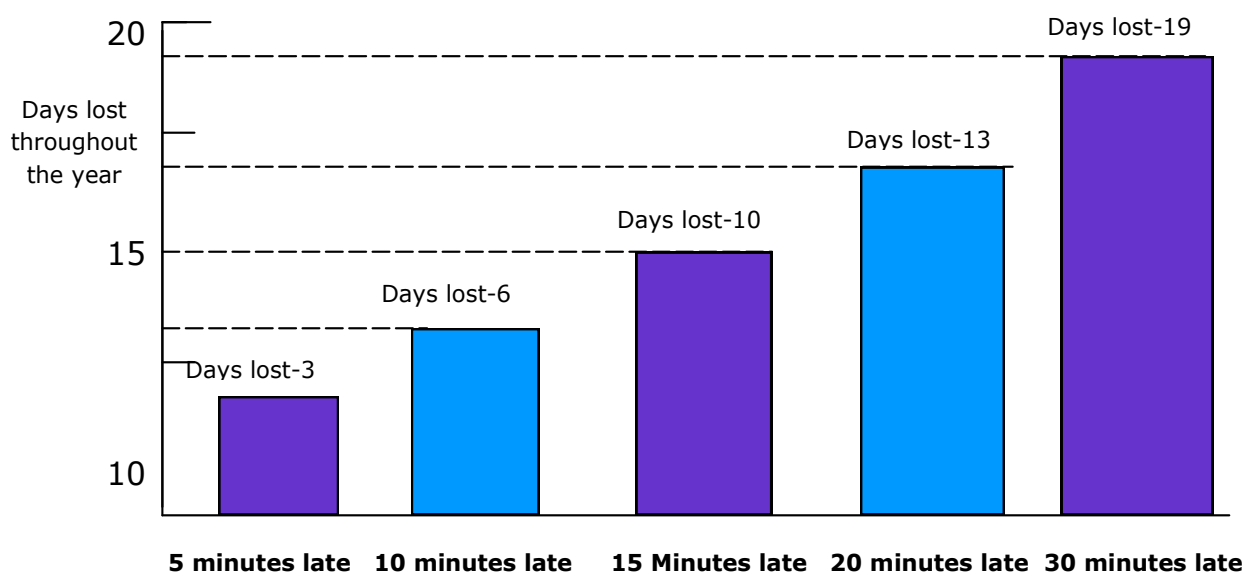
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SIGN IN AS IT INFORMS SCHOOL THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL

If your child is late on a regular basis we will contact you to raise concerns about your child's punctuality. School will see if there is any support they can offer you to ensure your child's punctuality to school improves.

A good start to the day is essential for children and is an important habit to learn whilst they are young. This is a life skill employers look for in candidates for jobs as they get older.

Being late adds up to a loss of learning

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year



- Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time
- Please help your child to be punctual

What if my Child is ill?

Please ring or contact school on the first day of absence. If your child continues to be ill, please let school know when you expect them to return. Please follow your child's reason for absence up with a note or a form of medical evidence (appointment card/ medication box/ prescription or doctors letter).

What if I am ill?

Unfortunately we cannot authorise absences if a parent is ill, it is expected that you will make arrangements with family or friends to bring your child to school or ensure that your child gets to school for the correct time.

What absences will be authorised?

- Genuine illness
- Urgent family crisis
- Hospital appointments
- Medical and dentist appointments

NB we would ask parents if they could request appointments after school or during holidays

Derbyshire County Council's policy for Schools will not authorise time off for shopping for uniform or shoes, haircuts or birthdays

Can I take my child on holiday in school time?

All Holiday requests should be requested at least two weeks in advance with your child's school. All holiday's requests will be treated on an individual basis.

| 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR | | | | | | | DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING | | | | | |
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| 190 School days In each year | 10 Days | 19 days | 29 days | Half a term missed | 38 Days | 47 Days | | | | | | |
| | 190 days for your child's education | 180 days of education | 171 days of education | 161 days of education | 152 days of education | 143 days of education | | | | | | |
| 100% | 95% | 90% | 85% | 80% | 75% | | | | | | | |
| GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start | | WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to make progress | | SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action! | | | | | | | | |

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

**90% and below
SERIOUS CONCERNS**

19 or more days off in a school year = persistent absence
This is not fair on your child

**91% - 94%
WORRYING**

10 – 18 days off school in a school year = concerning absence
Less chance of success

**95% - 100%
GOOD**

9 or fewer days off in a school year = good attendance
Best chance of success

There are 190 School days in each academic year. Children have 175 non-school days a year to spend on family time, visits, holidays and shopping

Monitoring Attendance

We have a legal requirement to monitor your child's school attendance. This will be done regularly in partnership with your child's school throughout the school year. If your child's school attendance raises a cause for concern your school will contact you by letter.

If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to school about it or alternatively seek advice and support from your local Multi Agency Team TEL: 01629 537169