

Four simple things families can do

Regular attendance supports learning, friendships, routines and a strong sense of belonging.

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Attend every day

Ensure your child attends every day the school is open, except when a statutory reason applies.

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Tell us when they are absent

Notify school as soon as possible when your child is unexpectedly absent, for example because of sickness.

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Exceptional leave only

Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances, and make the request in advance.

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Plan appointments carefully

Book medical appointments around the school day wherever possible.

When attendance falls below 90%

This is known as persistent absence. 90% attendance is the equivalent of 18 days of absence over an academic year.

We will work with you to improve attendance



Understand the barriers

Work with school and, where appropriate, the local authority to help us understand what is making attendance difficult.



Agree the support needed

Engage with the formal support offered, which may include an attendance plan, parenting contract or voluntary early help plan.



Set clear actions

We will agree practical actions and review points with you so that everyone is clear about what needs to improve.



Act early

Our aim is to offer support early and improve attendance before legal intervention becomes necessary.

Attendance is a partnership. If there is something making regular attendance difficult for your child, please speak to us as early as possible.