



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of our Ofsted recommendations the school will now be working with Attend EDC. This is an Independent Education Welfare Support Service that will work with us to support Attendance, Punctuality and Welfare needs.

Their staff have a wealth of experience of supporting pupils and families. They will provide regular home visits to pupils whose attendance is of concern and communication will take place when necessary. Also if you feel you need this support then please contact the school.

Regular absences from school can affect:

- Attainment levels - the quality of school work, qualifications gained
- School routine - disrupting your child's learning and that of the other pupils
- The chances of children and young people being involved in anti-social behaviour
- A child or young person's general wellbeing and long term life opportunities
- Improving regular attendance at school is therefore a key priority, both locally and nationally

We are aware that children can miss school due to unavoidable illness. Please ensure that you communicate the reasons for your child's absences on the first day of absence. If there are long term attendance difficulties, then please discuss this with us so that we may support the situation.

Please also be aware that if your child is persistently late to school, after the register has closed, then this will be classed as an absence and can have a serious effect upon your child's school attendance record.

| Attendance % | | |
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| 100 % | Outstanding Attendance | Gives a child the very best chance of success. |
| 95% | Good Attendance | Few interruptions to learning – a very good chance of success. |
| 93% | Worrying attendance | Your child has missed almost 3 weeks of learning. |
| 90% or less | Serious concern | Persistent Absence Pupil (as defined by the DfE.) This is worrying attendance. A child has had the equivalent of one day off school every fortnight / almost 4 weeks off school (or more). It is less likely that good progress in learning can be made. |

**Attendance is an important part of your Child's Education, they cannot learn if not in school
Attendance = Attainment. Every Day Counts!**

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Wainwright, Assistant Head