



**Every School Day Counts
Attendance is Important
Punctuality is Important
Our target is now 97%**



Please phone the school as soon as possible to tell
us why your child is absent.
Put the school number on your phone:

02392 256955

Only allow your child days off school for genuine
illness.


Learning for a lifetime

Polly is in Year 3 and has 90% attendance.

- ♦ Is that good?
- ♦ What does this mean?

So what does it mean when Polly doesn't come to school?

90% attendance = $\frac{1}{2}$ day missed every week.

Over a year this would be equal to missing **4 whole weeks** of lessons.

Over 3 years at Primary School, this would be the equivalent of **one whole term** missed.

My teacher would be unhappy that I am not there.

I will fall behind

I won't achieve my learning targets

What happens when Polly doesn't come to school?

My friends would miss me and I will miss my friends



My mum and dad might get into trouble

How can parents help to get their children to school everyday?

Talk regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it. Children are more likely to attend if they feel supported by you and their worries are listened to.

Please phone school as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when they are expected to return. Put the school number in your phone - this can save you time. **02392 256955**

Only allow your child days off school for genuine illness.

Days off for anything other than genuine illness will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances such as a family bereavement.

Praise them when they come into school, even for small successes —all praise is good.

 Examples of authorised absences	 Examples of unauthorised absences
♦ Genuine illness of a pupil ♦ Medical appointment ♦ Religious observance ♦ Death of a close relative 	♦ Tired/overslept/late night/weather ♦ Illness of parent or carer ♦ Unauthorised Holiday ♦ No clean uniform ♦ Headlice ♦ Child didn't want to come to school ♦ Older child's school had an INSET ♦ Birthdays ♦ Buying new shoes



LATENESS

every minute counts

The children need to be in the classroom by 8.50 am to get a mark in the register. Children who arrive after this time will be marked late.

If a child arrives after 9.30 am it will be recorded as unauthorised whole absence for the morning session.

If your child is.....	In a year, your child would lose
5 minutes late	3 days of education
10 minutes late	6½ days of education
15 minutes late	10 days of education
20 minutes late	13 days of education

**PLEASE GIVE YOUR CHILD
THE VERY BEST CHANCE OF
DOING WELL AT SCHOOL**