

Love, Learn, Grow

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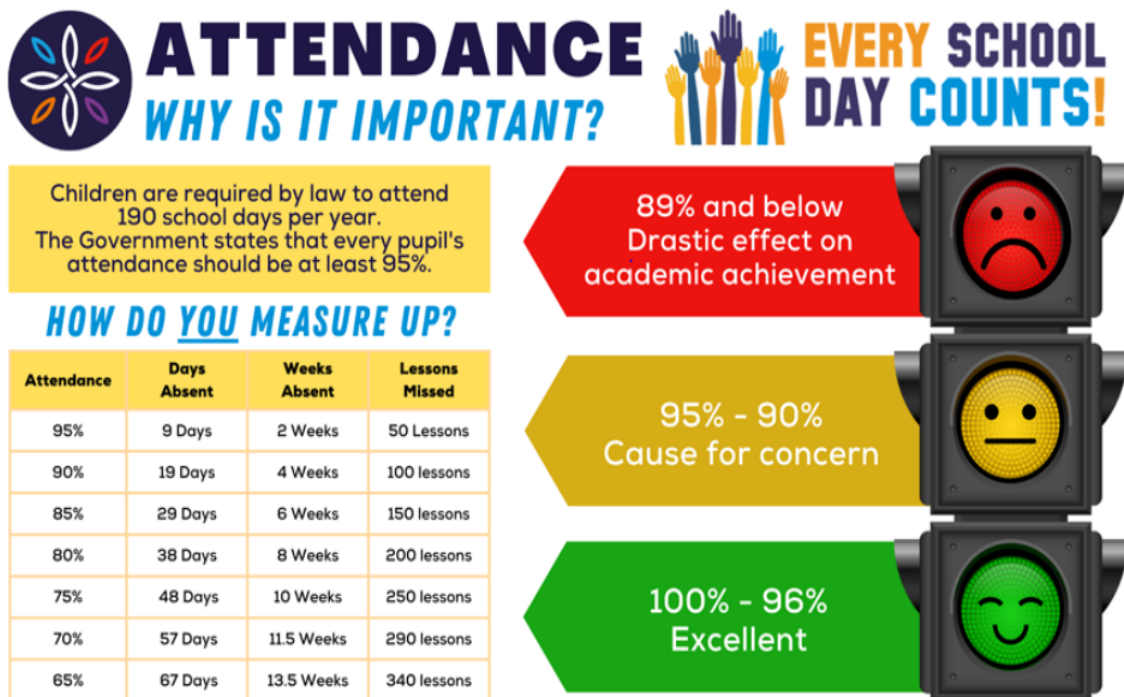
Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance at School

I would like to stress to you the importance of ensuring that your child is in school, learning, for every possible moment of the day. Over the last two years there have been huge periods of time where children have been unable to attend school. Although remote learning served a very useful purpose, it in no way replaced the valuable and enriching experience of attending school.

You will see from the table below how absences affect a child's progress, missed lessons cannot be caught up, missed experiences cannot be reclaimed. There is often a misconception that "**the odd day**" will not matter, however, **Every Day Matters**. As a school we have worked tirelessly to ensure that gaps in learning are filled and pupils do not continue to fall behind, following school closures during Covid. This task is only exacerbated by the irregular attendance of almost a quarter of our pupils. At present, our whole school attendance figure sits at 92%, which is almost 2% lower than the national attendance figure of 93.8%

As a parent, there are 175 days available to you throughout the year to make appointments, attend family events, book trips and holidays, etc. Please do not book dental or doctors' appointments within school time – unless they are absolute emergencies. Any absences for appointments that are not emergencies will be recorded as unauthorised.



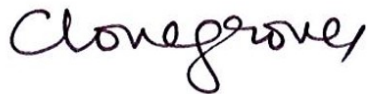
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The [NHS is my child too ill for school](#) website, offers further advice.

Please support me in ensuring that your child's progress is not hindered by **avoidable** absences.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

