

Every Day Counts

Supporting Your Child's Attendance



Being • Becoming • Belonging

Attendance sits within Belonging. When children attend school regularly, they feel part of their community, build relationships and thrive.

We understand some children have individual challenges that cannot always be avoided. However, together we can reduce unnecessary days off and support consistent attendance.

✔ Why Attendance Matters

- Build confidence and friendships
- Feel a sense of belonging
- Keep up with learning
- Develop positive routines
- Achieve better long-term outcomes

90% attendance = nearly 4 weeks of learning missed in a year.

👁️ What We Are Seeing

- High levels of absence due to illness
- Increased lateness
- Holidays taken during term time
- Lower attendance in younger year groups

We are working in partnership across all schools to improve attendance. Families may notice increased communication, particularly where attendance is lower.

✔ Understanding Attendance

96–100%

0–8 days missed
Strong

94–95%

9–12 days missed
Monitor

92–93%

13–15 days missed
At Risk

Below 92%

19+ days missed
Serious Concern

We focus on days lost because percentages can be misleading. Even 90% means nearly a month of school missed.

👤 Support & Legal Process

Our approach is supportive and early intervention focused. However, where attendance does not improve, the legal process will be followed in line with DfE guidelines.

Our aim is always to support families first and ensure communication is clear, accessible and consistent across the Trust.

Every day really does count.