

All **you** NEED to KNOW was
in the LESSON **you** MISSED

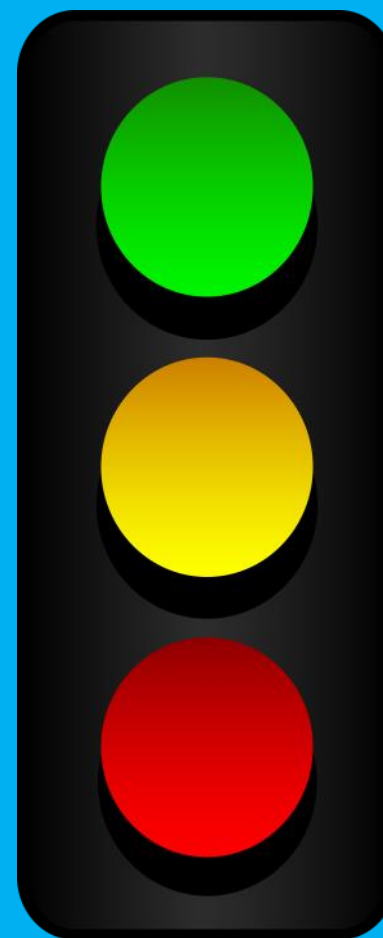
ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS DAYS ABSENT	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENT	WHICH MEANS THIS NUMBER OF LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 DAYS	2 WEEKS	45 LESSONS
90%	19 DAYS	4 WEEKS	95 LESSONS
85%	28 DAYS	6 WEEKS	140 LESSONS
80%	38 DAYS	8 WEEKS	190 LESSONS
75%	47 DAYS	10 WEEKS	235 LESSONS
70%	57 DAYS	11.5 WEEKS	285 LESSONS
65%	65 DAYS	13.5 WEEKS	325 LESSONS

wherever possible please make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours

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ANSWER PHONE SERVICE FOR ABSENCE TEL: 01243 865892



**6 DAYS OR LESS
ABSENCE PER YEAR**
97% OR ABOVE
VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR TARGET

**BETWEEN 7 AND 19 DAYS
ABSENCE PER YEAR**
90% - 96%
BELOW EXPECTATIONS

**MORE THAN 19 DAYS
ABSENCE PER YEAR**
UNDER 90%
POOR ATTENDANCE

Punctual and regular school attendance is an essential requirement for successful learning from the time a child starts school

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education. UNCRC



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

UNDERSTANDING ABSENCE

Every half-day absence from school has to be classified by the school (not by the parents/carers), as either **AUTHORISED** or **UNAUTHORISED**. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required in writing - either by letter, note, or e-mail to your child's tutor. 'Unwell' is not acceptable.

You need to be aware that although you may provide a reason for absence, it is the school who decides if the absence is recorded as authorised or unauthorised.

BE SAFE: Truancy/unsupervised absences can put students at risk. Persistent absentees are statistically more likely to become:

- teenage parents
- unemployed or homeless
- to engage in petty crime
- to engage in drug abuse

**90% and below (more than 19 days) equals
A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE**

THE LAW: The Education Act 1996 requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education. The law says that parents/carers whose children of compulsory school age are absent from school without good reason are committing an offence. High levels of absence can lead to involvement by the school's Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Chalkley.

LATENESS: Poor punctuality is not acceptable. If your son/daughter misses the start of the day they can miss essential work. Late arriving students also disrupt lessons (which can be embarrassing for the student and can also encourage absence). **Students that are late to school will serve an hour detention on the day they are late.** The school day starts at **8.30 am** and we expect your student to be in school by 8.25 am. The school is open from 8.15 am. We are all working very hard to ensure your son/daughter has the best chance to be successful. Attendance is a crucial factor in this success. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your son/daughter's attendance please contact their Tutor or Head of House.

HOLIDAYS: In total there are 178 non-school days a year. It is our policy not to authorise any term time holidays to any student. Holidays are only authorised at the discretion of the Principal in exceptional circumstances. Taking a holiday during term time, seriously affects your child's attendance and in turn their attainment. **If an unauthorised holiday is still taken, this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being served.**

PRACTICALITIES: It is the parent/carer's responsibility to contact the school to report any absence. Please ring 01243 865892. We ask parents/carers to contact the school by 9.00 am on each day of absence.

TRUANCY CALL: If a student is absent in the morning and the school has not received an explanation, we will telephone or text home. Your child should return to school as soon as he/she is able to do so. Attendance should be a priority. Persistent lateness can lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

If you fear your child has not attended school, please telephone so a check can be made. If you have ANY concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

If your child's attendance is 100% they will be able to make the best of all the opportunities available to them.

Children who have very good attendance are more likely to gain 5 or more good GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.

If your child's attendance is below expectations for their entire school career, they will have missed over one year's education.

91.1% attendance = missing 17 days of school in one year.

Missing 17 days a year also means dropping 1 GCSE grade (on average).

Children with poor attendance are less likely to gain good GCSEs.

82.1% attendance = missing 34 days of school in one year.

Poor attendance will have a serious impact on education, work ethic and life chances.