

**There are several reasons why good attendance at school is crucial for good progress:**

- It creates good habits for life
- Each lesson, each day, builds upon the last and leads into the next—this is how learning is structured by the teacher. If children miss out on a day in the middle of a section of learning, they struggle to understand and catch up with their learning for the whole of the topic being taught
- Teachers can help children catch up, but this then takes them away from the rest of the class
- This not only impacts on their achievement, but also their sense of security and feeling part of the class
- Children value school and their learning
- Good learning is linked to health, wealth and happiness in life

**There are several reasons why being on time is crucial for good progress:**

- It creates good habits for life
- School opens at 8.40am for children to settle down and prepare for the day. The day officially begins at 8.55am.
- The first part of each lesson is the most important. If this is missed, children struggle to understand what they are supposed to be learning, focussing on and doing.
- Arriving late into class disrupts the learning of others as the lesson has already started. This is halted when a teacher needs to stop and welcome another child into school.

Keep your child home if they have:

- A fever of 38C or more—then keep them home 24 hours after the fever is gone
- More than one bout of vomiting or diarrhoea—and then keep them home for at least 24 hours following their last episode
- A severe sore throat—especially if you can see white or red spots at the back of the throat and/or a fever
- A deep hacking cough, along with a runny nose and headache
- Untreated infections of the eye, ear or skin—watch for symptoms such as redness, swelling, or discharge
- Different behaviour than normal

Usually, minor ailments can be lessened by medication. We are able to give your child Calpol if they need some help getting through the day. A form will need to be signed in the school office before any medication can be administered.

**Worry or anxiety can make a child feel poorly. If this is the case, please come and speak to us. Keeping them home from school often makes the problem worse.**

**We will do everything we can to support you and your child, but please be aware that complicated issues are rarely resolved straight away. Things only improve when home and school continue to work together and please be assured that we are committed to doing so.**



**Bring It!**

**Bring yourself to school,  
everyday**

**Attendance  
and  
Punctuality**

**EVERY** day  
counts  
attendance matters

% Attendance	Means...	Results in...
96% - 100%	Almost always at school Medical and Dental appointments taken outside of school hours	Outstanding Progress
95%	1 day off a month This is the minimal national requirement	Good progress
90%	2 days off a month Worrying concern	Inadequate progress
85%	3 days off a month	Educational Welfare Officer gets involved Little or no progress
75%	5 days off a month Serious concern	Possible court action Little or no progress

90% = 1 day missed a fortnight

80% = 1 day missed every week

**Low Attendance equals poor progress**  
**Please help your child be the best they can be by aiming for 100%**

