



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Weekly Attendance Newsletter



Attendance Team

Miss Henry
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School Times

Gates open: 8.40am
School Starts: 8.50am
Gates close: 9.00am

Gates open: 3.10pm
School ends: 3.20pm
Gates close: 3.35pm

Doors open: 8:50am Parents are responsible for the safety of their children until doors open and their child is in the school building.

Register closes: 9am

Any children arriving after 9am will need to sign in at the Front Office where they will be marked late.

Unauthorised Late: 9:30am

Any children arriving after 9:30am will be marked in as an unauthorised absence. This affects their full morning attendance mark.

UNAUTHORISED REASONS FOR ABSENCE

A cough, the common cold, birthday treat, tiredness, meeting relatives, sibling unwell, new baby, Mum/Dad unwell, holidays, too hot, not being able to bring your child to school. We do ask for more information other than just 'unwell'.

MY CHILD IS GENUINELY ILL

If your child is genuinely ill then, of course, they will need to remain at home. Please contact the school office before 8:50am to leave a message on our answerphone service or on school spider, with an absence reason that details the reason for their absence.

Year Group	Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	88%	96.8%	93.5%	92.2%	91.8%	95.4%	94.6%	100%
Late Marks	0	0	8	13	7	4	4	3

Study Bugs

We're pleased to announce that St Matthew's is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. Leaflets will be sent home today for you to download the app.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Thank you!

Attendance Comparisons

Attendance so far this academic year is **the best it has been post Covid-19**. I know how hard parents and carers are working to ensure the children are here, on time, every day and all school staff are extremely grateful. The more your child is in school, the more they will thrive!

Attendance Rewards

We do this in many ways each week!
Individual – **100% Wheel** – book prize

Whole Class – **best class attendance** – half termly surprise treat

Whole Class – **above 95%** - half termly movie afternoon

Whole School – **Strive for 35** – prizes

Whole School Attendance %

96.2%

Whole School Persistent Absence (PA) %

9.6%

National Average Attendance %

94.7%

National Average Persistent Absence (PA) %

13.9%

Parent information about School Attendance

This week we have sent home letters from Stockport Council regarding the importance of school attendance, along with this are some FAQ's. We have also sent a letter home regarding Educational Penalty Notices (EPN's).

Please take time to have a read through this important information and the legal duties we all have regarding school attendance.