

Attendance at Springfield Primary School.



Why is good attendance important?

Attendance and Punctuality are extremely important at Springfield Primary School. Studies show that a child who attends school regularly and on time:

- Has a higher chance of retaining learning and making excellent progress.
- Being at school every day also gives children the opportunity to build and maintain social and emotional skills and friendships
- Also provides them with routine and structure to their daily life.
- The Department of Education do lots of research around attendance and how it effects progress. From the latest report:

- Pupils with **near-perfect attendance (95–100%)** have:
 - **Much higher odds of meeting expected standards at KS2**
 - **Almost double the likelihood of achieving Grade 5 GCSEs** compared to those at 90–95%

You can find more about these reports by scanning this QR code here:



Days off school add up to lost learning			
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR			
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments			
0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96.99%	92.99%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
<i>Best chance of SUCCESS</i>	<i>Harder to make good progress</i>	<i>Less chance of success</i>	<i>Serious concern Possibly Court Action!</i>



Too ill for school?



Deciding if your child is too unwell for school can be difficult. Sometimes children wake up with headaches, runny noses, colds, slight fevers and tummy aches but bounce back after some Calpol/paracetamol. In these situations we'd always encourage you bring your child to school and we will keep a close eye on them and call you if we feel they need to be at home.



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

Slapped cheek

Vomiting:

The general rule around this is to give 48 hours from when the child last vomited before returning to school. However, this is in cases where a child has a sickness/diarrhoea bug. If a child has vomited through coughing or high fever talk to school about this and we can give guidance on when the child can return to school.

Our Procedure:

Attendance is monitored daily. If children are absent and parents have not contacted school to let us know the reason, school will then contact families for that information. This is called First Day Calling and it's a procedure that is vital in safeguarding all children.

At the end of each week attendance data will be collected and the class with the 'most improved attendance' and 'best attendance' will receive a special certificate and a extra playtime.



At Springfield we encourage all children to become a **HERO** (Here Everyday Ready On-time).

Being on time and ready to learn is detrimental to children's routine and well-being. Children thrive when they have structure and a good daily routine. It's also important for children to be on time for learning. Please see the Graph on how punctuality affects learning:



Over one academic year



Term Time Leave

Term Time Leave is not normally authorised. The Department of Education (DfE) will be releasing new guidance on term time leave:

Any attendance penalty notices issued after the 19th August 2024 will be issued in line with the new regulations. The new Penalty Notice regulations are:

- Each parent will be issued a separate penalty notice, for each child who is absent.
 - For example, 2 parents and 3 children, each parent will receive 3 penalty notices for £160 each, with a family total of £960 in fines.
 - The fine amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
 - This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- The first fine will be considered your first offence.
 - The next time an offence occurs, within 3 years of the date the first penalty notice is issued, the fine amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days, with no reduction.
 - The third time an offence occurs this will be presented to Magistrate's court with no penalty notice issued.



School Target

Our attendance target is set by the Local Authority and School. Our target for this academic year is 94%. This is what your child's attendance should be. If your child's attendance drops below 90% then we will contact you and offer support.

I'm sure you'll agree that we all want your child to access as much education as possible and we will support you in this as much as we can. The Inclusion team are always here to listen and support when needed.



Why we encourage attendance to be above 94% :

- To provide children with routine and stability
- To give them the best possible change to succeed
- To help them build and maintain friendships and bonds with other children
- To provide them with the best learning experiences.

