

Good Attendance for Success

Attendance and punctuality matters to your child's school success!

Persistent absence is when your child misses 19 days in an academic year or 2 days a month.

Pupils with good attendance and punctuality:

- Are better readers.
- Attain higher academic performance.
- Stay on course for successful completion of secondary school.

Celebrating attendance at Woodhill

- Every week of 100% attendance earns a raffle ticket
- The raffle is drawn at the end of each half term for each phase, for a certificate and the chance to win a voucher
- At the end of the year, all children who've had 100% attendance all year long are entered into a prize draw.
- At the end of the year, awards and prizes will also be available for fantastic attendance (98%+)
- The best attendance is announced each week at merit assembly, with 15 minutes extra play for the winning class.



When Do Absences Become a Problem?

Every school day counts. Even occasional half-day absences for appointments affect your child’s attendance. Attendance registers are taken twice daily: once in the morning and again after lunch.



SERIOUS CONCERN - 90%
Absent 19 days

WARNING SIGNS - 94%
Absent 11 days

SATISFACTORY - 96%
Absent 8 days

Every School Minute Counts

Regardless of the reason, it is important to realise how much school you could be missing from just being a couple of minutes late.

If in a school year your child is late everyday...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	40 lessons
15 minutes	10.5 days from school	60 lessons
20 minutes	14 days from school	80 lessons
30 minutes	21 days from school	120 lessons

Term time holidays

Term time holidays are **not authorised** unless for an exceptional circumstance, where an application with evidence will be required.

All of the term dates for the current and next academic year can be found on the [school website](#) and we urge parents to only book within these times to avoid being issued a penalty notice. Please pay particular attention to the days where children return to school to ensure you are back before then.

[Guidance from the DFE on penalty notices.](#)