

ATTENDANCE FACTS

Children with poor attendance are less likely to gain 5 A*- C GCSEs.

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

Poor attendance will have a serious impact on education,

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).

If your child attends school 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 A-C GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.



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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Punctual and regular school attendance is an essential requirement for successful learning

From the time a child starts school



DID YOU KNOW.....



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Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

The Law

The Education Act 1996 requires parents to ensure their children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education. The law says that parent/carers whose children of compulsory school age are absent from school without good reason are committing an offence. A fixed penalty notice can be given for a student who has 10 unauthorised absences (am and pm count as separate absences) from school in a 10 week period. If paid within 21 days, the fine is £60. You need to be aware that, although you may provide a reason for absence, it is the school which decides if the absence is recorded as authorised or unauthorised.

Practicalities

It is the parents' responsibility to contact school to report any absence. Numbers are as follows:

Attendance Officers contact details:

Mrs A Redmond — 01604 493211 ext. 338
Email: anitar@thomasbecket.org.uk

Truancy Call: If a student is absent in the morning and the school has not received an explanation, we will telephone or text home. You should send a note into school upon your child's return, explaining the reason for absence. Your child should return to school as soon as he/she is able to do so. Attendance should be a priority. Students who are regularly late to school will be given a detention. Persistent lateness can lead to a fixed penalty notice. If you fear your child has not attended school, please telephone the attendance office so a check can be made. If you have ANY concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

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Year 11 Prom:



When inviting students to their Year 11 prom, attendance is taken into consideration. If this is not satisfactory, your child will not be invited to attend.

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HOLIDAYS



In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits/days out
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Attend routine appointments

In line with government guidelines, students are not granted leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any such absences are at the discretion of the Principal.

Taking a holiday during term time, seriously affects your child's attendance and in turn their attainment.

Be Safe

Truancy/unsupervised absences can put students at risk. Persistent absentees are statistically more likely to become teenage parents, unemployed or homeless or to engage in petty crime and drug abuse.

A persistent absentee is a student who misses on average one day of school each week throughout the academic year.