

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attend EDC is an Independent Education Welfare Support Service that is now working with your school to support Attendance, Punctuality and Welfare needs.

Our Staff have a wealth of experience of supporting pupils and families. Regular visits and communication will take place when necessary. If you feel you need this support then ask your school to contact us.

Regular absences from school can affect:

- Attainment levels - the quality of school work, qualifications gained
- School routine - disrupting your child's learning and that of the other pupils
- The chances of children and young people being involved in anti-social behaviour
- A child or young person's general well-being and long-term life opportunities
- Improving regular attendance at school is therefore a key priority, both locally and nationally

We are aware that children can miss school due to unavoidable illness. Please ensure that you communicate the reasons for your child's absences on the first day of absence. If there are long term attendance difficulties, then please discuss this with us so that we may support the situation.

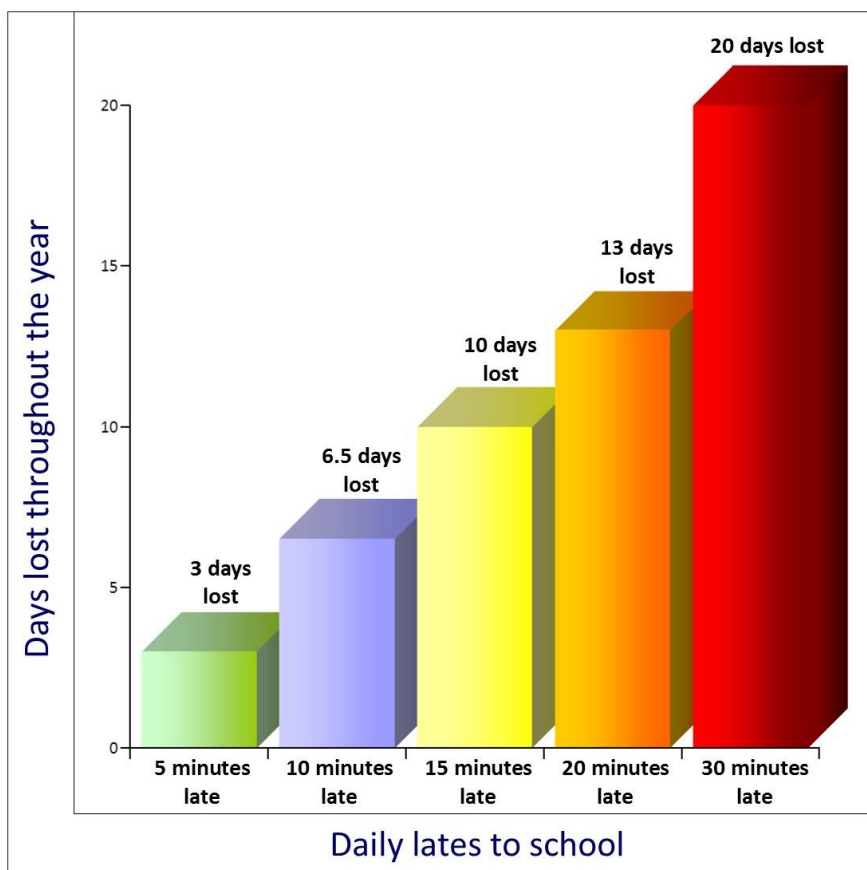
Attendance %		
100 %	Outstanding Attendance	Gives a child the very best chance of success.
95%	Good Attendance	Few interruptions to learning – a very good chance of success.
93%	Worrying attendance	Your child has missed almost 3 weeks of learning.
90% or less	Serious concern	Persistent Absence Pupil (as defined by the DfE.) This is worrying attendance. A child has had the equivalent of one day off school every fortnight / almost 4 weeks off school (or more). It is less likely that good progress in learning per year can be made.

Attendance is an important part of your Child's Education, they cannot not learn if they are not in school

You are legally responsible for seeing that your child attends school every day and on time

Persistent lateness can add up to many days

Please also be aware that if your child is late to school, after the register has closed, then this will be classed as an absence and further action could be taken against you



NB Figures are rounded up to the nearest half day

**10 minutes late to school every day adds up.
It is the same as losing 6.5 days of school each
year.**

When a child arrives late at the start of the school day, it is very disruptive to their learning and the learning of their classmates

If you require any more information about Attend EDC then please contact us via the School Office