



School Attendance within the Holy Cross Learning Community



Within the Holy Cross Learning Community we value excellent attendance and recognise the connection between regular attendance at school and the attainment and achievement of our pupils.

When children are in school every day, they...



Achieve



Learn new skills



Develop self-esteem



Feel they belong



Make friends

Days off school add up to lost learning ...

100%
Excellent!

95%–99%
Up to 10
days
absence

90%–94%
Up to 20
days
absence

85%–89%
Up to 30
days
absence

80%–84%
Up to 38
days
absence

Less than
80%
More than
39 days
absence



Children who have an average of 90% attendance every year, will have lost the equivalent of 1 year of schooling by the time they are in third year!



Why is good school attendance so important?

- All children have a right to an education and the legal responsibility to provide children with an education lies with their parents/carers.
- When children are absent from school, whatever the cause, this disrupts their learning and can have a significant impact on their future life opportunities.
- In particular, poor attendance can affect attainment levels, relationships with peers, wellbeing and emotional resilience.

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190 days of education each year.	Up to 10 days absence (2 weeks) 180 days of education	Up to 20 <u>days</u> absence (4 weeks) 170 days of education	Up to 30 days absence (6 weeks) 160 days of education	Up to 38 days absence (7 ½ weeks). One day for every week at school. 152 days of education	More than 39 days absence
100%	95% - 99%	90% - 94%	85% - 89%	80% - 84%	Less than 80%
Excellent	Very Good	Slight Concern	Concerning	Risk of Underachievement	Severe Risk of Underachievement
<i>All children have the 'Right to an Education' (UNCRC Article 28)</i>					

What can I do to support my child's school attendance?

- Promote good habits at home to encourage good attendance.
- We understand the importance of good relationships and will work in partnership with you to support your child's attendance at school.
- If you are worried about your child's attendance at school or the school have contacted you to raise awareness of attendance concerns, you should contact the school immediately to discuss supports available.
- Early intervention is crucial, the earlier the issue is identified and positively addressed the better the longer-term outcome for the child.

Top Tips for Parents/Carers to Promote Good Attendance:

- Be on time for school, even missing 10 minutes every day adds up and can negatively impact learning.
- Always let the school know before 9.30am if your child won't be in and what the reason for the absence is.
- Keep in regular contact with the school for the duration of the absence.
- Only keep your child at home for the minimum time possible reducing the number of days of lost learning.
- Avoid booking holidays during term time.
- Have positive conversations about school with your child to encourage positive mindsets.
- Be involved in school life and your child's learning journey.

What happens if my child continues to be absent from school?

- We follow the Holy Cross Learning Community Attendance Policy and we will always aim to work in partnership with you to achieve positive outcomes for your child.
- We will keep you regularly updated via letters and other forms of contact regarding your child's attendance percentage, as well as offering support or guidance whenever it is needed.
- If your child continues to have poor attendance, we are required to follow SLC procedures to support engagement.
- If you fail to engage you will be invited to meet with the Senior Manager Pupil Support for Holy Cross to review and to agree a plan of action to improve your child's attendance.
- If there is no improvement a referral to the Children's Reporter will be made by the school.

Latecoming_

Coming to school late means that your child ...



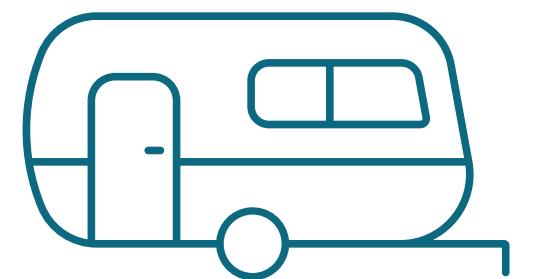
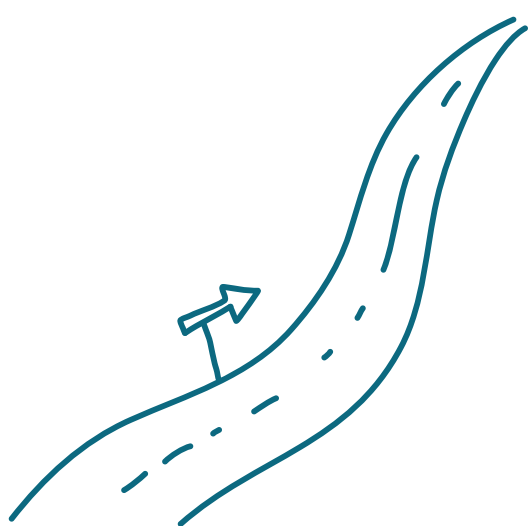
Does not start the day
playing with friends



Misses out on the
explanation of the
school day



Misses out on the
teaching of new
concepts



Should I keep my child off school?



Cough



Runny nose



Sore throat



Should I keep my child off school?

yes!



Chicken Pox

Keep off school until at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over



Diarrhoea and vomiting

Keep off school until 48 hours after their last episode



Cold and flu-like illness

Keep off school until they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend

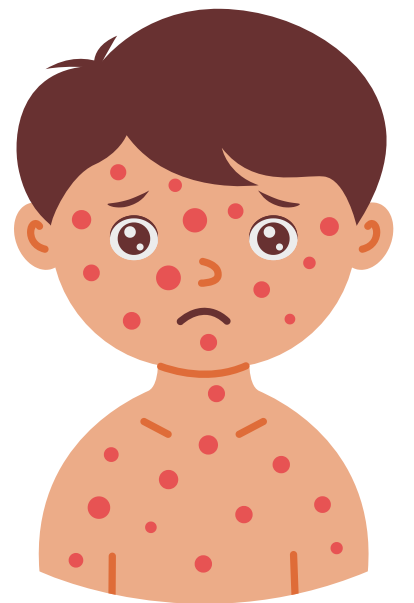
Impetigo

Keep off school until their sores have crusted and healed, 48 hours after they started antibiotics



Measles

Keep off school until 4 days after the rash first appeared



Mumps

Keep off school until 5 days after the swelling started



Scabies

Keep off school until they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

Keep off school until 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics



Whooping Cough

Keep off school until 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

