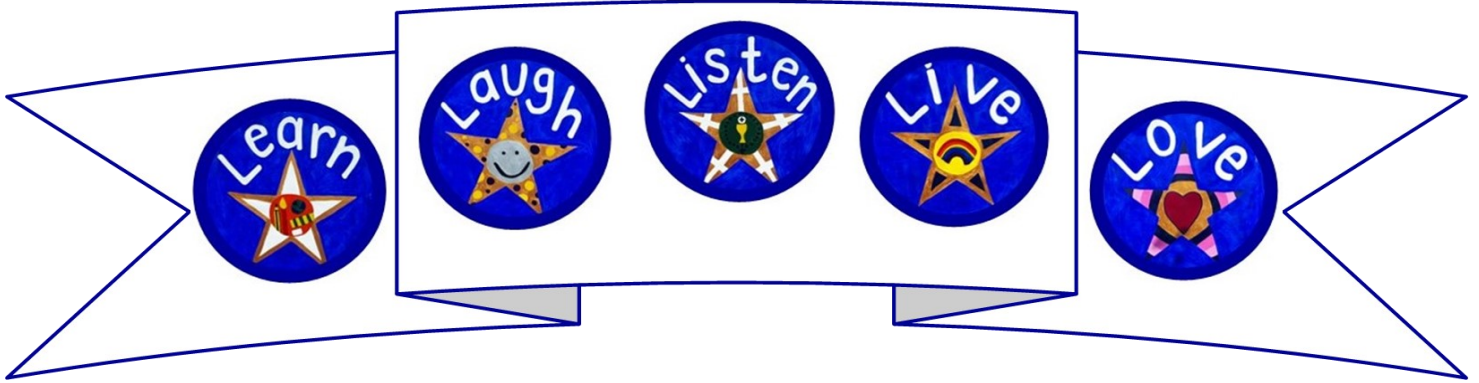




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BRIGHT FUTURES

BEGIN WITH GOOD
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance Really Does Matter

Attendance and Punctuality Facts



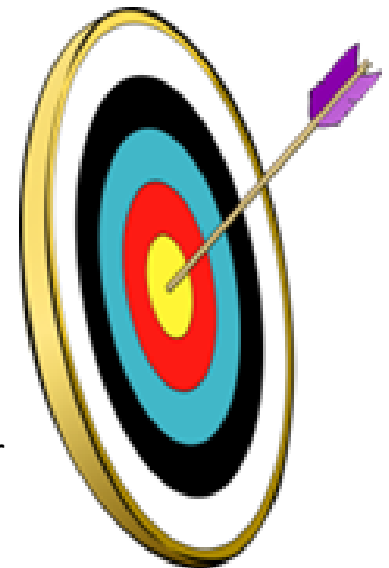
September to July

100%	<u>No days absent from school</u>
95%	10 days absence from school – <u>40 lessons missed</u>
90%	20 days absence from school – <u>80 lessons missed</u>
85%	30 days absence from school – <u>120 lessons missed</u>
80%	40 days absence from school – <u>160 lessons missed</u>

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE IS YOUR KEY TO SUCCESS

Did you know.....

- 73% of pupils with attendance of 95% or higher achieve at least 5 GCSEs grade C or above
- Only 35% of pupils with attendance of between 80-90% manage to achieve 5 GCSEs grade C or above
- Research shows that pupils with 5 GCSEs grade C or above earn on average £350,000 more in their lifetime than those without the Grades
- Excellent attendance at school = 95% and above



The evidence is clear:

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE = GOOD QUALIFICATION = BETTER JOB!

BE HERE! BE ON TARGET

EVERY PUPIL 95% OR ABOVE!

We understand that there can be health problems, but:

Don't believe that the 'odd day off can't harm.' Research carried out on the effects of broken weeks and achievement is astounding.

A student can have 95% attendance but still have 10 broken weeks! Hugely detrimental to a pupil's learning, leaving big gaps in knowledge!

- Try to judge how 'severe' the pupil's illness is. Do they really need to stay at home?
- How many of them are better by lunchtime? Send them back to school!
- If a pupil has an extended or intermittent but persistent condition, contact the attendance manager and arrange a meeting to set up a supportive action plan. There are lots we can offer to do, to prevent a pupil missing education.
- **Non-urgent doctor, dental appointments and check-ups should be made outside school time – school finishes at 15:30.**
- If an appointment must be set in school time, absence will only be authorised for a reasonable margin of time. Not half a day to go to local GP/dentist. We understand orthodontic treatments and hospital clinic appointments may take longer. Try to minimise time out of school.
- Try to vary the days of these treatments to avoid missing the same lessons in a cycle.

If you are experiencing difficulties getting a pupil into school, talk to us! There are many people who can help and advise: Your child's class teacher; Mrs Davies or Mrs Taylor - our schools attendance manager. Contact the school office 01518325012.