



Child Friendly Attendance Policy

Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things and extend my knowledge on things I already know
- It's the law
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others, form relationships and make friends
- To be a part of and enjoy educational visits as they help us to learn about the wide world outside of school
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play and work together and improve what we do.
- Being at school every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university when you get older. It provides you with valuable life skills
- It stops you from being bored
- It could help you have a better quality sleep at night because you have been active and busy

What happens if you don't come to school?

- Children don't learn as well and will get behind with their learning
- Your parents could get in trouble for not sending you to school
- You might get bored at home and lose interest in some of the things that make you happy
- You won't get to see your friends
- You will be missing out on opportunities to try and enjoy new things that you didn't know you would like or things that will develop your confidence
- You don't get to make as many friends
- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events

What is good attendance?

GREEN GROUP

96.5% - 100%

WELL DONE - THIS IS EXCELLENT! If you are in this group, you have been absent for less than two weeks in the whole year or you may have attended school every day!

YELLOW GROUP

90% - 96.4%

This is below the National Expectation. You could be missing up to two weeks of learning in the whole year!

RED GROUP

Less than 90%

PERSISTENT ABSENCE PUPIL: You are now a Persistent Absence Pupil and are missing more than 6 weeks of learning in the school year!

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which approximates to this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

- Churnet View Middle School think 96%+ daily attendance is what each pupil should aim for
- Pupils should always try to come to school unless they are REALLY ILL. Remember, the school can always send you home if needed.

What to do if you don't come to school

- Parents/carers should telephone the school office and explain about the absence or leave a message on the answerphone as soon as they know their child won't be in school.
- Parents/carers can call into the school office and explain in person
- If parents/carers are unable to get a medical appointment outside of school hours, parents/carers need to provide the school with an appointment letter/card.