

Attendance matters: partnering for your child's success.



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Attendance= Achievement



- Every single school day matters.
 - 95% attendance = missing about 9–10 school days per year.
 - That's 2 full weeks of learning lost.
 - It adds up — and affects future grades.

The link between attendance & GCSE results



- Students with 95%+ attendance are 5x more likely to achieve strong passes (grade 5+) in English and Maths.
 - Students with less than 90% attendance are half as likely to achieve those grades.
 - Even a few missed days can cause you to fall behind — especially in exam years.

Attendance & Future opportunities



- Employers, colleges, and universities value reliability and commitment.
- Good attendance builds resilience, time management, responsibility.
- Missed school = missed enrichment, learning gaps, fewer opportunities

Attendance the ripple effect



- Employers look for reliability and punctuality — habits start at school.
 - Regular attendance shows responsibility and motivation.
 - People with higher qualifications earn up to £100,000 more over their lifetime.
 - Missing school → lower grades → fewer opportunities → lower pay.
 - Average annual UK salaries: GCSEs £27,000 | A-levels £33,000 | Degree £41,000.

Attendance the ripple effect



<u>Area</u>	<u>How attendance helps</u>
Learning	Keeps knowledge continuous; better understanding of complex subjects.
Outcomes	Strong correlation with GCSE success — every lesson counts.
Confidence	Builds resilience, self-belief, and social ease.
Relationships	Strengthens friendships and belonging in the school community.
Wellbeing	Routine and structure support mental health and security.
Future	Better college, university, and job prospects. Employers value reliability

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What parents can do



- Set regular bedtime and wake-up routines.
- Limit screens before bed; prepare school items night before.
- Monitor lateness – even 5 minutes adds up.
- Talk about worries, health, or anxiety openly.
- Encourage attendance with praise and positive reinforcement.

Overcoming Barriers together



- Barriers: illness, anxiety, transport, family pressures.
- School role: early intervention, pastoral care, attendance officers.
- Solutions: phased re-entry, mentoring, flexible support.
- Partnership between home and school is key.

Please talk to us!

Key messages to share with your child



- Attendance = achievement, wellbeing, and future success.
- Even small absences accumulate over time.
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- Families and schools working together make the biggest impact.