

Why we want Excellent Attendance

Being Safe in school – Any child receiving an education at school needs to attend regularly (above 96%). We need to ensure children are safe in full time education. The only way we know that your child is safe during school hours is when they are in school and are where they need to be.

Access to the full curriculum – At Greenfield we offer an extensive and engaging curriculum. Students are expected to participate in and are entitled to access the full curriculum.

Sense of belonging – School is not just about learning; we work hard to ensure all our students really feel part of a community. From the Year 7 Outward Bound residential to the Year 11 Prom, there is something for everyone that gives every child the opportunity to develop and thrive.

Life skills – Having good attendance and punctuality is a life skill and it is one that we promote, preparing your child for their future in every way. We will often talk to students about what an employer would want in terms of commitment, hard work and reliability.

Friends – Undoubtedly friendship groups are strengthened the more children school. Children that miss school more than their peers often find it more difficult to maintain positive friendships. Friendships are so important for school aged children and that is never more true than when their brain is developing.

Wider school participation – There are a wide variety of clubs taking place every week. There really is something for everyone from time in the fitness suite, dance, netball, rugby, drama, football, guitar club, music lessons, student council, STEM club, field visits, ski residential and annual school productions.

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS IN A YEAR

That's 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and non-urgent appointments

Support is available:

Some children find it harder than others to attend school. We want to work with you to remove any barriers to attendance by building strong relationships and working together.

We might need the support of other organisations such as MHST Piece of Mind Team who work with young people with low mood, anxiety and poor sleeping habits, or perhaps there is another issue we should know about.

Talk to us and we will work with you to support your child to come into school

Key contacts:

Attendance administrator:

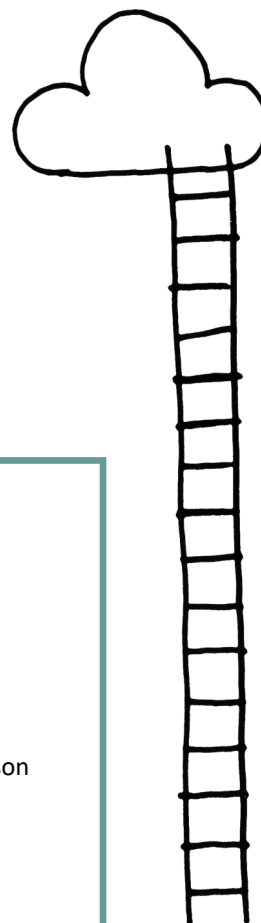
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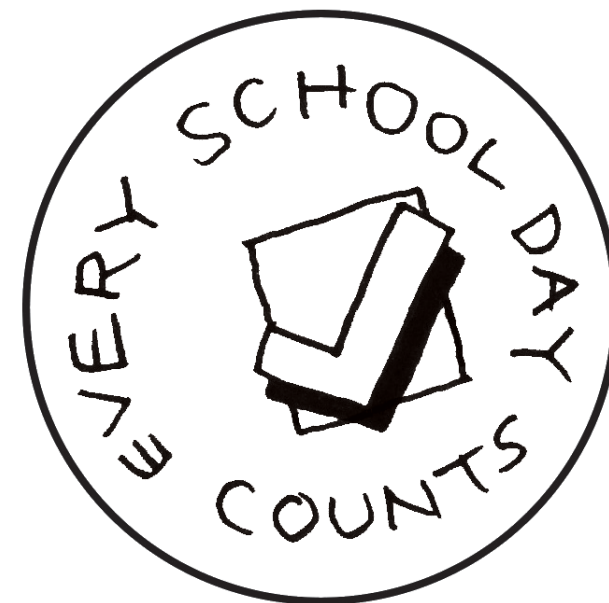
School Gateway App

Attendance manager: Mrs A Johnson

Leadership Team: Mrs A Dixon



Attendance & Punctuality Information for Students, Parents and Carers



Proud, Ambitious, Kind

Your responsibility

As a parent you have the **legal responsibility** for making sure your school-registered child attends

You can help your child by:

- Making sure your child understands the importance of good attendance and getting to school on time with correct uniform and equipment
- Taking an interest in your child's education. Ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities.
- Listening to your child when they tell you about a problem in school. Inform their tutor or Progress and Guidance Leader about anything serious
- Not allowing your child to take time off school for minor ailments, particularly those which would not prevent yourself from going to work
- As much as possible, arranging appointments for GP/ Dentist etc. after school hours, at weekends or during the holidays.
- Ensuring your child meets the school's target of **96%** attendance.

Be on time!

It is important for your child to arrive at school on time.

Arriving late to school:

- Can cause embarrassment for your child.
- Can cause disruption to the rest of the class.
- Can make it harder for your child to settle.
- Impacts on your child's learning, progress and achievement.

Being 15 minutes late each day during an entire school year is the same as missing two whole weeks of school!

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days Absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 days Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed	Unacceptable

90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means your child will miss half a day of learning each week or 19 days of school during the year – **that's nearly 4 school weeks!**

If your child has 90% attendance in each year they are at our school, they will miss a total of 28 weeks – which is half a school year lost!

Attendance	Effect on GCSE results (per GCSE result or equivalent)
96-100%	+1.4
92-95.9%	-0.7
90-91.9%	-1.5
85-89.9%	-1.9
80-84.9%	-2.7
<80%	-3.3

Give your child the best start in life

Every school day counts

Persistent Absence

Children are identified as persistent absentees if they miss 10% or more of school sessions available.

Implications for your child:

Studies have shown any student are likely to experience the following effects due to poor attendance:

- Academic underachievement
- Difficulty making friends
- Loss of confidence and self-esteem
- Engagement in premature sexual activity [and other issues that lead to concern for a child's safety]
- Impaired socialisation for work

From "Absence from School: A study of its causes and effects" (DfE)

If your child must be absent:

- Telephone the school before 9.00 am to tell us why your child is absent.
- Keep in regular contact with us if they are likely to be absent for a period of time.
- Sign your child in and out of the school for any authorised appointments they need to attend
- Your child cannot leave school site during school hours without an authorised adult accompanying them.
- Return your child to school as soon as an appointment has ended, unless they are unwell.