

Attendance Matters

Rose Hill Primary Attendance Newsletter for Parents

Department for Education (DfE)- A national marketing campaign, with the strap line 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts,' has been launched aimed at parents. As part of this new campaign, the government has made some changes. The reporting of unauthorised absences will now be more stringent.

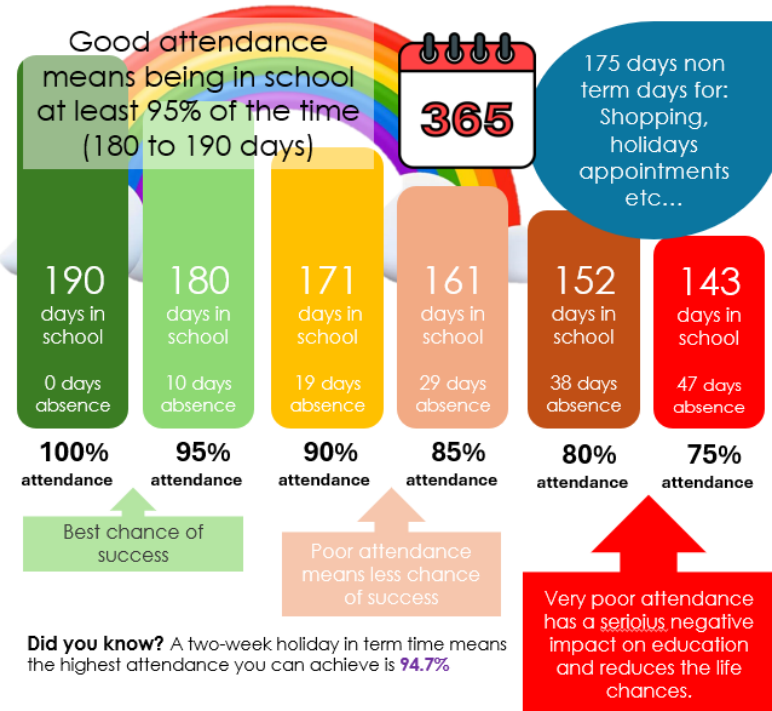
Our commitment

We at Rose Hill place a high value on regular attendance and punctuality. It is vital pupils attend school and are punctual so they can experience a broad and balanced curriculum, build important relationships and feel a part of their school community. We aim to work with parent/ carers and pupils to ensure pupils achieve the best attendance and are happy in school.

Parent/ carer Commitment

As parents/ carers, you play a vital role in promoting and supporting good attendance. Please ensure your child is ready and at school promptly each morning. It is important that any appointments or other commitments are made outside of school to avoid disruptions to your child learning.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us uphold high expectations and fostering positive learning routines for all pupils that will benefit them in the future.



"Being around teachers and friends in a school or college environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care".

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Medical Appointments

All medical and dental appointments must be evidenced with appropriate documentation. Pupils are expected to attend school either before or after the appointment. You can send the evidence in by email by taking a screenshot of the reminder or photo of the letter or bring it into the school office.

Attendance Expectations



Reporting Absences

If your your child is ill, you must phone the school office on 01473 727552 by 8:30am. Please ensure you detail what is wrong, 'unwell' or 'under the weather' is not enough information. If you're unsure whether they are well enough for school, please send them in and we can decide for you. If they are not well, we will contact you to come and pick them up.

Simply notifying the school of your child's absence does not guarantee authorisation, as the Principal retains the discretion to authorise absences based on the evidence provided. It is essential to supply evidence, especially when requested to support the reason for your child's absence otherwise they could be marked as unauthorised.



Your child will be marked unauthorised if you do not contact the school - which can lead to Fixed Penalty Notices or working with the Local Authority/Parental Contract/Supervision Order.

Term Time Holidays

Holidays during term time are not authorised. The criteria for authorising absences have become stricter. The DfE has enforced heavier penalties for unauthorised term-time holidays. These changes are designed to minimise disruptions to your child's education and to promote regular attendance. Your support is vital in helping us provide a consistent and uninterrupted learning experience for all pupils.

Punctuality

The importance of punctuality for your child's education and overall school experience is valuable. The school gate opens at **8:40 am** and shuts at **8:50am**. The register closes at 9:00am. Pupils arriving after 9:00am but before 9:15am will be marked as late. Pupils arriving after 9:15am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. This not only affects your child's attendance record but also contributes towards Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs). Ensuring your child arrives on time helps them start the day smoothly and maximizes their learning opportunities.

