

PARK SPRING PRIMARY SCHOOL



ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE



How to ensure your child has great attendance at their time here at Park Spring Primary

Why is attendance so important?

Regular attendance is vital for primary school children because it lays the foundation for their academic, social, and emotional development, and has a proven impact on their future success. Every day of school missed can affect a child's progress and potential.

1 School provides a critical environment for children to build friendships, develop social skills, and learn how to interact and cooperate with others.

2 Being part of a school community gives children a sense of belonging and helps develop their emotional resilience. Chronic absenteeism can lead to feelings of isolation and low self-esteem.

3 Regular school attendance establishes routines that children need to succeed in their education and, later, in the workplace.



How can you help with your child's attendance?

School begins at 8.45am. Parents and carers are responsible for getting their children to school on time, every day.

Create Routines - Establish consistent bedtime and morning routines. Pack bags and prepare for school the night before to reduce morning stress.

Appointments - Book medical and dental appointments during school holidays or at the beginning or end of the day to minimize disruption

Illness - Only keep your child at home if they are too unwell to attend. A temperature of 38 degrees or if your child has been sick are reasons to stay at home, mild colds are usually ok for your child to attend.

Praise - Take an interest in your child's school day and praise and encourage their achievements.

Holidays - Avoid taking holidays during term time, an unauthorised holiday would mean an unauthorised absence mark for each day.

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What could happen if your child has poor attendance?

If your child is unwell or is not coming into school, you must call before 9.00am to report them absent. This is important for safeguarding reasons, as well as receiving the correct registration mark for your child.

If you do not call to inform the school that your child will not be attending school, we will send a text message to ask why and if you do not contact the school, your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark

Children who have been absent from school for 3 days without a valid reason will receive a visit at home from our Attendance officer.

If your child has been absent for 20 sessions without a valid reason or proof of illness, school can refer to the local authority which could lead to a fixed penalty notice.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to the school so we can work with you to try and help.

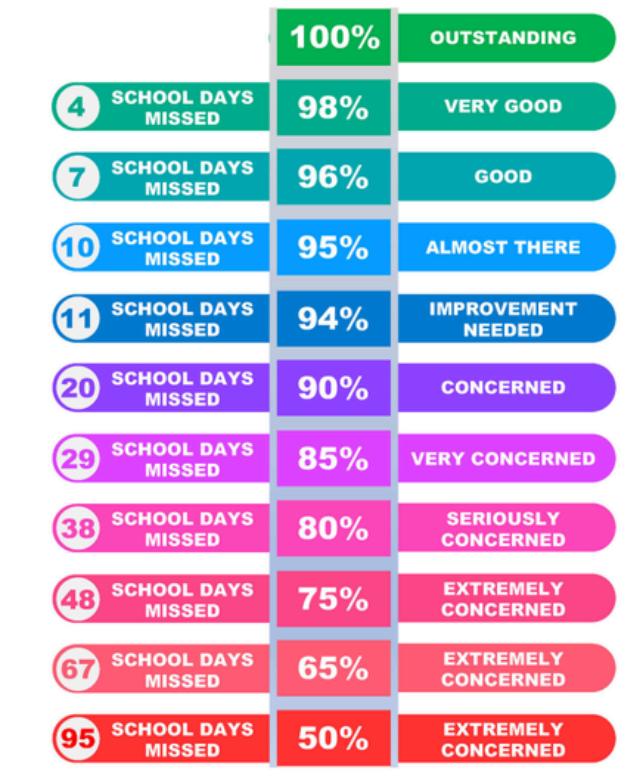
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Attendance Ladder



Attendance is critical to your child's learning, well-being and social dynamics. The above shows how much learning your child is missing within the 190 days that children are in school.

WE CAN HELP YOU

If you are concerned about your child's attendance or require any help with attendance, please contact us and we will advise and help as best we can.



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