



Attendance Policy

All Are Welcome, All Are Accepted All Achieve, All Are Loved

Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things
- Being at school every day improves our chances of getting a job or going to college and university when we get older
- It's the law
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends
- Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and get better at what we do.
- 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 develop bad habits and develop poor mental health and well being
- You don't get to make as many 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 miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events

What do children say?

When I miss school my friends move on and I feel left out when I come back.

When I am not in school, I worry about the work that I am missing.

I don't like walking into the classroom late.

What is good attendance?

<p>GREEN GROUP 96.5%- 100%</p> <p>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!</p>
<p>YELLOW GROUP 90%-96.4%</p> <p>This is below the National Expectation. You could be missing up to two weeks of learning in the whole year!</p>
<p>RED GROUP Less than 90%</p> <p>PERSISTENT ABSENCE PUPIL: You are now a Persistent Absence Pupil and are missing more than 6 weeks of learning in the school year!</p>

At Rossington St Michael's School, we think 96%+ daily attendance is what each pupil should aim for.

Pupils should always try to come to school unless they are really ill. The school can always send you home if needed.

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

What to do if you don't come to school?

- An adult will telephone school or call in to the school office in person and explain why
- An adult will bring any appointment cards or medicine when we have been unwell

How do we reward attendance?

- Celebrate class achievement weekly with a certificate and a trophy/bear which is given out in celebration assemblies.
- Classes move along the attendance display
- Attendance letters to parents with positive improvements in attendance
Individual prizes at the end of the year as part of our attendance shop.

Punctuality Matters!

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

