



MELLING IN FOCUS

ATTENDANCE



Melling Primary recognises that positive behaviour and good attendance are essential for pupils to get the most of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.

This is the first of my 'Melling in Focus' looks at Attendance. As Attendance Champion, I thought it would be useful to pick out several aspects about good attendance and

dip into our school policies and protocols.

SOCIAL BENEFITS OF BEING IN SCHOOL

Being in school helps your child build strong relationships with peers and adults.

Daily routines give your child the chance to enjoy shared experiences with others.

Regular attendance helps your child to build and maintain friendships.

Daily school routines help build children feel less anxious and build resilience.

PENALTY CHARGE NOTICES WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

For unauthorised absence of 5 days or more:

*£160 per parent, per child, £80 if paid within 21 days.

*For a second offence within 3 years: £160 per parent, per child.

* Maximum of 2 penalties in 3 years per child. Further offences may lead to £2500 fine, with possible Local Authority legal action through prosecution. Please see the Attendance Policy on the website for more details.

UNAUTHORISED

ABSENCES EXAMPLES:

The following are examples of unauthorised absences:

*holiday in term time

*days before or after a dance competition/sporting event (only the actual day of the tournament will be authorised)

*staying off because of a fall out with a class-mate

*shopping for Christmas!!!

*staying off because you got up late

*staying off a full session for a dental or GP appointment

**On time, All day,
Every Day
because
EVERY moment
matters!**

WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT

We are committed to fostering supportive, nurturing environments for all children. If you are struggling getting your child to school or on time, please talk to us and we can put some support in place.

ACADEMIC BENEFITS OF BEING IN SCHOOL

MAXIMISE
LEARNING
IN ALL
SUBJECTS

OPPORTUNIT
Y FOR
SUPPORT
WITH THE

STEADY
PROGRESS
WITH NO
GAPS

MORE
CHANCES TO
ACHIEVE &
BE PROUD



**BEING ON TIME
EVERY DAY IS
VERY IMPORTANT!**

If in a school year, you are late every day by...

5 Minutes

10 Minutes

15 Minutes

20 Minutes

30 Minutes

You would have lost approximately...

3.5 Days from School

7 Days from School

10 Days from School

14.5 Days from School

22 Days from School

or you would have missed approximately...

18 Lessons

35 Lessons

50 Lessons

73 Lessons

110 Lessons

PERSISTENT ABSENCE UNDER 90%

On a half termly basis, attendance is monitored. If your child's attendance is below 90% then you will be contacted. If there is no improvement in attendance then an Attendance Support Plan may need to be agreed with parents and our Attendance Officer from Sefton.

**97% is our
target for
every child!!!**

BE A HERO: Here Everyday Ready On Time

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE...BE PROUD



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