

Attendance Matters....

As a school we continue to use the 'Callio' ('Wise up') project to regularly review attendance.

The target for all pupils is a minimum of 95% attendance at the end of the school year. There are 38 weeks in a school year. Below you will find the Callio colour banding framework which you may find helpful - you will see that if your child misses half a day a week, their attendance will be 90%. They will have missed 95 lessons, which is 19 days away from school, which is almost 4 weeks. If they missed this amount of time every year, by the time they sit their GCSEs, they will have missed half a year of secondary education.

Category	Attendance at the end of the year	Days missed from school	Weeks missed from school	Number of lessons missed
GREEN	100%	0	0	None
GREEN	95%	10	2	50
AMBER	94%	13	2.5	62
AMBER	92%	15	3	75
RED	90%	19	4	95
RED	85%	28	6	140
RED	80%	38	8	190
RED	70%	57	11	285

### **What can you do at home to support your child?**

- Talk about the importance of attending school every day, arriving on time, and attending every lesson. This is the expectation unless a child is unwell and needs to remain at home to recover. Regular attendance at school sets up good behaviours for regular attendance at work in the future.
- Try not to schedule dental or medical appointments during school hours.
- Please arrange family holidays during scheduled school holidays so your child does not miss their lessons (there are thirteen holiday weeks each year for pupils). We do not authorise school holidays in term time

# Punctuality matters too

Punctuality is also vitally important as being punctual to school encourages habits of good timekeeping and reduces the stress of walking in late. We have adopted a 'late is late' approach and as such pupils should be on site by **8.30am** in readiness for registration at **8.40am**. **You can see from the table below how lateness impacts on your child's learning. As we consider punctuality so important , pupils late 3 times either to school or lessons will given an afterschool detention.**

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is punctual to school and to lessons. You can track your child's attendance and punctuality to lessons by accessing SIMMS parent app.