Make a Difference Challenge

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Here to support you with attendance are;
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## Did you know? There are 175 nonschool days a year and ONLY 190 days of school!

We appreciate the challenges that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during the school holidays. However, regular attendance at school is vital in helping children and young people to achieve their full potential and get the best possible start in life. There is plenty of time in the year where children are not at school. This gives families the opportunities to spend time together.

## Attendance is everybody's business!

Our school acknowledges that each family's circumstances are different and works in partnership with parents to provide the best education for every child. Pupils' welfare is of paramount importance to us and we believe that regular attendance and punctuality throughout the year is essential for their success and fulfilment. Please do come and see us if you have any concerns.

90\% might be a fantastic high score in a test... 90\% attendance rate is NOT it means you are missing the equivalent of $\mathbf{2 0}$ days of school!!!

## Punctuality

Children must be in school on time, this means being in the school playground by 8.45 am ready to be picked up by the class teacher. When a child arrives late for school, they miss the introduction to the day and valuable learning time. It is also vital that children are collected on time at the end of the day. Being late for school and being picked up late can also be very distressing for the child. Punctuality is monitored very closely.

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## Every school day counts! Children are expected to be in school every day.

Under Section 36 of the Education Act 1944, parents of children of compulsory school age have a legal responsibility to ensure that they receive full-time education and to get their child to school regularly and on time. High attendance rates correspond to increased chances of success; every school day counts towards your child's future. Days off can seriously impact on learning meaning that children miss vital information. It can also impact on their self esteem and well-being. Our attendance target is $96 \%$ and we expect your child to be in school on time every day so that we can maximise every possible learning opportunity. Keeping high attendance in the school is extremely important for the success of our students. The children have a much better school experience all round if they are consistently present and on time so thank-you for supporting us.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

> Anne Frank-100\%

David Attenborough—100\%
William Knibb—96.7\%
Steven Hawking-96.7\%
Charles Wickstead—91.3\%
Steve Redgrave-90.9\%
Malala Yousafzai-90\%
Winston Churchill-90\%
Evelyn Glennie—87.5\%
Martin Luther King-86.7\%
Cerrie Burnell-84.6\%
Morey Gompertz-82.6\%

