

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- Ensure students arrive on time each day, well equipped and in a fit state to learn.
- Take an interest in the education of their son/daughter by talking to them about school and by attending school events (e.g Consultation/Information Evenings etc.)
- Ring the school before 9:00am on each day of absence.
- Be alert to any signs that might indicate bullying or other issues that may affect school attendance

Inform the school immediately if there are any matters that arise that may affect the attendance of their son/daughter.

What is good attendance?

Parents/carers and students often become confused about what good attendance is. The school target for attendance 2014-15 is 94.7%. In discussions with the Educational Welfare Service, IMPACT has introduced the following guide for parents....

It should be remembered that 90% attendance is equivalent to one day of absence every fortnight.

100% - OUTSTANDING
97-99% - EXCELLENT
94-97% - GOOD
92-94% - SATISFACTORY
90-92% - CAUSE FOR CONCERN
BELOW 90% - SERIOUS CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Over an academic year this amounts to four weeks of absence (100 lessons missed!)

We will contact you if the attendance level of your son/daughter is below 90% and are punctual
REWARDS



we have concerns about the attendance level of your son/daughter. We also reward students who attend well through our STAR SYSTEM.

Every Minute Counts

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Lateness = Lost Learning

Danger Zone:
As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chance of success. Your SAT's results could drop by one grade across all subjects!



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INFORMATION — FIXED PENALTY NOTICE

The Government's priority is to ensure that every child attends school regularly and where attendance is deemed to be unsatisfactory, that it is addressed promptly. There is clear evidence that any absence can and will have an impact on attainment. It is therefore important that schools maintain good attendance levels and that parents support this by ensuring their children attend school regularly.

As of 1 September 2013, IMPACT and the Local Authority have been issuing warnings and Fixed Penalty Notices under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 (amended regulations 2013). This is an alternative to the prosecution of parents/carers for failing to ensure the regular attendance of a compulsory school age (age 5-16 years) student where they are registered or at a place where alternative provision is provided.

Whilst parents/carers can provide explanations for absences, it is at IMPACT's discretion as to whether this absence will be authorised or unauthorised.



Criteria for Fixed Penalty Notices include

- A student having **10 unauthorised sessions** in one term or **18 unauthorised sessions** in two terms
- Too many **late marks** within an academic year
- Where an excluded student is found in a public place during school hours without a justifiable explanation.

A Fixed Penalty Notice results in -

Cost of £60 per parent/adult for each student/child. This will require payment being made to the Local Authority within 21 days.

The cost increases to £120 per parent/adult for each student/child if payment is not received within 28 days

If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28 day period, the Local Authority will instigate Court Proceedings and the outcome of a prosecution could be up to £1,000 per parent/adult

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

If students are to achieve their potential, good attendance and punctuality are critical. The link between attendance and achievement is well documented. Figures from the DCSF demonstrate this very clearly.

We want all our students to achieve the very best examination results that they can. Irregular attendance, can, however, have a significant impact on student achievement. Students with irregular attendance...

- Get behind with work
- Become demotivated on return to school
- Lose friendships
- Miss out on important careers and guidance inputs
- Are less likely to feel part of the school



MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.