



You can help by:

- Encouraging good attendance by making sure your child attends regularly.
- Inform us on the first day of absence and keep us updated.
- Take an interest in your child's schoolwork.
- Cooperate with school to overcome attendance problems.

Thank you for your support.

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**School attendance: What
you need to know**

Through Regular attendance, pupils can:

- Build friendships and develop social groups.



- Achieve to their full potential.
- Develop life skills.



- Engage in essential learning and other social events.



Can my child ever be absent?

When a pupil is absent from school it will either be classed as 'authorized' or 'unauthorized'. Authorized absences are only permitted for valid reasons such as:

- Illness
- Medical or dental appointments
- Religious observances
- Family Bereavement
- Other important circumstances

What does the law say?

- Once you have registered your child at school, you are legally responsible for ensuring that your child attends school regularly. If you fail to do this legal action can be taken against you by the local authority.

Legal action can involve a penalty notice or being taken to court!

- Parents could also face imprisonment and parenting orders. Parenting orders involve attending a counseling and guidance program, usually a parenting class.
- A penalty notice of £60 may be issued as an alternative to prosecution, but this will rise to £120 if not paid within 21 days