

# DID YOU KNOW?

**10 MINS LATE**

**EVERY DAY = 33 HOURS LOST LEARNING EACH YEAR!**

**Lost Time is Never Found**

**90% ATTENDANCE = 4 weeks of learning missed = A full half year missed in High School over 5 years!!!**

**IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION!**

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS STRUGGLING TO ATTEND SCHOOL?

You should:

- Talk to your child – try to find out why
- Meet with a member of the school staff to discuss the situation and look for solutions/support
- Help your child to be resilient and have coping strategies
- Seek support from outside agencies

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**- ATTENDANCE - LIFEBLOOD OF SUCCESS!**



# ST CYRES SCHOOL



**WHAT WE EXPECT**

**↑95% THE MAGIC NUMBER**

Children should not be absent from school for:

- Day trips
- Babysitting
- Shopping
- Birthdays
- Parent/carer or sibling illness



**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

ILLNESS GUIDANCE...

Being ill may prevent your child from coming to school, but if they are able to get out of bed, play on their phones or watch TV, then they should be in school.

Coughs and sneezes are not an excuse to miss school and feeling tired is not an illness.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% due to illness, we will ask you to provide medical evidence to verify absences.

Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, the amount of time should be kept to a minimum. There is no reason to keep your child off for a full day!

Steps to take to reduce instances of illness can include prioritising sleep, eating a balanced diet and handwashing.

**TERM TIME HOLIDAYS**

Children are not entitled to holidays in term time. They should be taken during school holiday periods.

## THE FACTS!

Arriving on time helps children feel calm, prepared and reduces morning anxiety. Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to nearly 6 full school days missed over the course of a school year.

Any child with attendance below 90%, regardless of the reason for the absence, is considered to be a persistent absentee. This equates to 2 days each month.

175 non-school days a year		Available for family time, holidays, and appointments. Ensure term time is kept for learning.				
Attendance Grid	190 School days	19 days absence 180 days	11 days absence 171 days	29 days absence 161 days	39 days absence 152 days	48 days absence 143 days
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	GOOD Best chances of success for your child to learn effectively	WORRYING Signs of real concern Makes it hard to progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Impacts are now severe Likely costly consequences		

## WHAT THE LAW SAYS...

Ensuring your child's regular attendance of school is your legal responsibility. Permitting absence without good reason is an offence and may result in fines and prosecution.