

Education Wellbeing Service Attendance

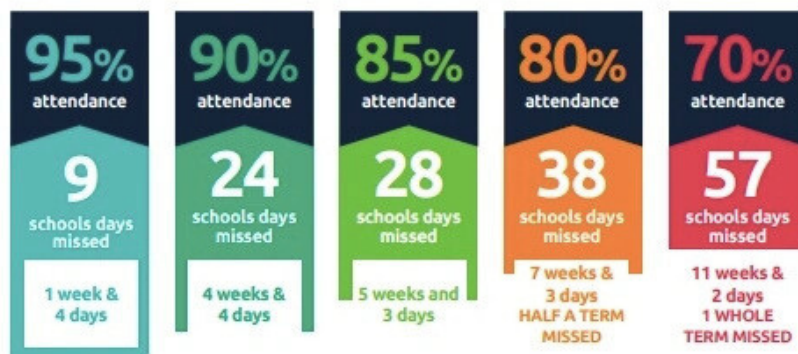


Why is Attendance important?

- ➔ Learning new skills.
- ➔ Develops friendships and improves social skills.
- ➔ Builds confidence, independence and resilience.
- ➔ Supports to become a successful learner, responsible citizen, effective contributor and confident individual.

Non-attendance and prolonged absences can have a strong negative impact on your child's learning as well as their friendships and social skills.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Reasons for Absence...

- ✓ If your child is too unwell to leave the home.
- ✓ Your child is attending a hospital or doctor appointment.
- ✓ If your child is involved in an activity outside of school that has been agreed with school in advance.
- ✓ Bereavement.
- ✓ There is a crisis or serious difficulty at home or in the family.
- ✓ There is a religious ceremony or wedding of someone close to the child.
- ✓ Your family are returning to a country of origin for religious reasons or to care for a relative.

- ✗ If your child is too tired.
- ✗ If their sibling is not going to school.
- ✗ If it is their birthday.
- ✗ If they are only slightly unwell e.g. runny nose, cough, slight stomach ache etc.
- ✗ If they don't like a particular lesson happening that day.
- ✗ If they don't have uniform.
- ✗ If they have fallen out with a friend.
- ✗ If there is a trip they don't want to go on.
- ✗ If they don't like the weather or the weather is bad.
- ✗ If it's Friday!

Consequences of being LATE...

- It can be embarrassing for your child.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- They miss out on important learning.
- They may disrupt the learning for the rest of the class.

Top Tips

To avoid being late...

- 1 Have regular routine for the start of each day.
- 2 Encourage your child to get their clothes and bag ready the night before.
- 3 Encourage a consistent bedtime routine and reasonable bedtime.
- 4 Remove electronic devices when its time to wind down/go to sleep.

Being late can cause uncomfortable feelings for your child and can often spark feelings of anxiety. This can include symptoms such as sweating, dizziness, feeling sick, fast heartbeat, sore stomach, headache. This can made it even more difficult for your child to enter the class.



Support...

If you are finding it difficult to get your child into school, the key is to **COMMUNICATE** this with school. Then you can work with school to access relevant supports and resources to help you, your child, and the rest of your family.

The City of Edinburgh Council's 'Support for Families' webpage offers useful resources and advice.

Scan here



edinburgh.gov.uk/supportforfamilies

You can also check out your School website for further information on their policies.



YOUR Responsibility

Support your child to access their **right to an education**, and other opportunities that school can offer.

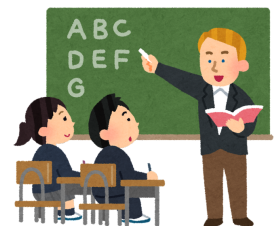
Inform school at the first opportunity if your child is unable to attend and give a valid reason.

Respond promptly to communication from school regarding attendance.

Work in **partnership** with the school to promote and support attendance for your child.

The **safety and wellbeing** of your child while they are not in school.

OUR Responsibility



Use a '**Get It Right For Every Child**' approach to provide an achievable education for each child.

Use correct coding to record each child's attendance to ensure **safeguarding** and an accurate representation.

Communicate with the family if a child doesn't arrive at school in line with the school's policy, or if a child leaves school with no notice.

Create a **safe space** for children and families to openly discuss any barriers they are facing with attendance at school.

Arrange involvement from **other services** to improve and support attendance where appropriate.