



Red Hall Primary School

Attendance Matters



Why is Attendance important?

Regular attendance and punctuality are key to making sure your child reaches their full potential. If your child has too many absences they can fall behind in all areas of learning, struggle with reading and will struggle to keep up with learning. Children who attend school regularly meet their learning targets, have better social skills, make more friends, enjoy school more and access learning experiences.

Too Ill to Attend School

Children can attend school with minor ailments such as toothache, headaches, colds etc. as over the counter medicine can be given before school. We will contact you if your child becomes too ill to remain at school. If your child has diarrhoea or is vomiting they do have to be off for 48 hours. Please contact us if you are unsure if your child should be at school or not.

Medical Appointments

Wherever possible, medical appointments should be booked outside of the school day. If this is not possible, the number of hours missed should be kept to a minimum.

Celebrating Good Attendance

We appreciate the commitment you and your child make to maintaining good attendance and want to celebrate this with you.

- Weekly Best Class Attendance— the class with the best attendance will be announced in Star of the Week assembly and the class will receive a treat such as ice lollies, biscuits or extra playtime.
- Half-termly— children with 99% or higher attendance will receive a certificate and treat such as extra play time, goodie bag or hot chocolate and biscuits
- Termly— children with 99% or higher attendance will receive a certificate and a treat such as party or movie time.
- Yearly— children with 99% or higher attendance will receive a certificate and a treat such as a disco, bouncy castle or pizza party.
- Children who improve their attendance will also receive a certificate and a treat.

Punctuality

Being regularly late to school has a negative impact on your child's learning, they can miss vital teaching and may struggle to catch up.

Missing 10 minutes per day adds up to 50 minutes in one week which equals nearly one and half weeks missed in one year.

