

WHY ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

- * To learn.
- * To have fun.
- * To make new friends.

Miss School -Miss School Miss Out!!

- * To experience new things in life.
- * To develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity & gender differences.
- * To achieve.
- * To gain qualifications.
- * To develop new skills.
- * To build confidence and self-esteem.
- * To have the best possible start in life.

Key Point~

Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

Name: _____

Attendance: _____%

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP –

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
 - Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness – this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
- Take truancy seriously – if your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk ...
 - Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
 - Attend parent evenings and school events.
 - Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school – we are here to help and be supportive.

Green Group 96% - 100% (No risk)	<p>100% = Attended school every day. Outstanding!!!</p> <p>99.5% = 1 day absent (6 lessons missed)</p> <p>99.0% = 2 days absent (12 lessons missed)</p> <p>94.4% = 3 days absent (18 lessons missed)</p> <p>97.9% = 4 days absent (24 lessons missed)</p> <p>97.4% = 1 week of school missed</p> <p>96.8% = 6 days absent (36 lessons missed)</p> <p>96.3% = 7 days absent (42 lessons missed)</p>
Yellow Group 93% - 95.9% (Risk of underachievement)	<p>95.8% = 8 days absent (48 lessons missed)</p> <p>95.3% = 9 days absent (54 lessons missed)</p> <p>94.7% = 2 weeks of school missed</p> <p>94.2% = 11 days absent (66 lessons missed)</p> <p>93.7% = 12 days absent (72 lessons missed)</p> <p>93.2% = 13 days absent (78 lessons missed)</p>
Amber Group 90% - 92.9% (Serious risk of underachievement)	<p>92.6% = 14 days absent (84 lessons missed)</p> <p>92.1% = 3 weeks of school missed</p> <p>91.6% = 16 days absent (96 lessons missed)</p> <p>91.1% = 17 days absent (102 lessons missed)</p> <p>90.5% = 18 days absent (108 lessons missed)</p> <p>90.0% = 19 days absent (114 lessons missed)</p>
<p>From September 2015 any student whose attendance is 90% or less will be deemed to be "Persistently Absent (PA)", this is the equivalent of 19 or more missed school days over a full academic year. Over a five year period a child whose attendance is at 90%, will miss a half of a school year; that's a lot of lost education</p>	
Pink Group 85% - 89.9% (Severe risk of underachievement) "PERSISTENTLY ABSENT"	<p>89.5% = 4 weeks of school missed (120 lessons missed)</p> <p>88.4% = 22 days absent (132 lessons missed)</p> <p>87.4% = 24 days absent (144 lessons missed)</p> <p>86.3% = 26 days absent (156 lessons missed)</p> <p>85.3% = 28 days absent (168 lessons missed)</p>
Red Group 0% - 84.9% (Extreme risk) "PERSISTENTLY ABSENT"	<p>84.2% = 6 weeks of school missed (180 lessons missed)</p> <p>80.0% = 38 days absent (228 lessons missed)</p> <p>70.0% = 57 days absent (342 lessons missed)</p> <p>60.0% = 76 days absent (456 lessons missed)</p> <p>50.0% = 95 days absent (570 lessons missed)</p> <p>40.0% = 114 days absent (684 lessons missed)</p>

Do you know your child's attendance?

We will be keeping you updated regularly if your child's attendance is Amber or lower.



Dear Parent / Carers

At Eastchurch we are committed to the continuous raising of achievement of all our pupils.

Regular attendance and positive behaviour are critical if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them.

One of our basic principles is to celebrate success. Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling school experience. The Governors, Head of Schools and staff in partnership with parents have a duty to promote full attendance.

This leaflet is intended to help you help us, to help your child get the most out of their education...

Pupils are expected to arrive by 8.40 am. All pupils that arrive late must report, with their parent to the school office where the reason for lateness is recorded.

Ensuring a child's regular attendance at school is a parental responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution.