



Child friendly Attendance Policy

Hillside Primary School and Nursery

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Why do we need to come to school?

To learn new things.

Being at school every day improves our chances of getting a job or going to college and university when we get older.

It's the law.

Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends.

Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school.

Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and get better at what we do.

It could help you have a better-quality sleep at night because you have been active and busy.

What happens if you don't come to school?

Children don't learn as well and will get behind with their learning.

Your parents could get in trouble for not sending you to school.

You might get bored at home and develop bad habits and develop poor mental health and well being.

You don't get to make as many friends.

You will be missing out on opportunities to try and enjoy new things that you didn't know you would like or things that will develop your confidence.

You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.

What is good attendance?

At Hillside Primary School, we think 96%+ daily attendance is what each pupil should aim for. Pupils should always try to come to school unless they are really ill. The school can always send you home if needed.

Attendance during the year	Equals this number of days absent	Approximately how many weeks missed	Approximately how many hours missed
100%	0	0	0
95%	10	2 weeks	60
90%	19	4 weeks	123
80%	38 days	8 weeks	247
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	370

What to do if you don't come to school?

Your parent or carer will need to phone the school office or speak in person and explain why.

An adult will bring in medical evidence into school when we have been unwell.

How do we celebrate attendance?

Trophy for the winning classes (Year 4-6) and (Year 1-3).

Nursery and Reception winning teddy bear.

Class letter within word attendance if 100%, every 10 letters a prize.

Half termly attendance progress awards.

Termly attendance certificates.

End of year attendance medals.

