

Missing school means missing out . . .

As a parent or guardian, it is your responsibility to ensure that you get your child to school each day . . . on time!

It is also your responsibility to let the school know if they are going to be absent . . . and why.

Please contact the school office on the first day of any absence:

01482 701407

The **only acceptable** reasons for absence are:

- **Illness (e.g. vomiting)**
- **Emergency appointment**
- **Exceptional circumstances**

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is completely free! It runs every day from 7:45am until the start of the school day.

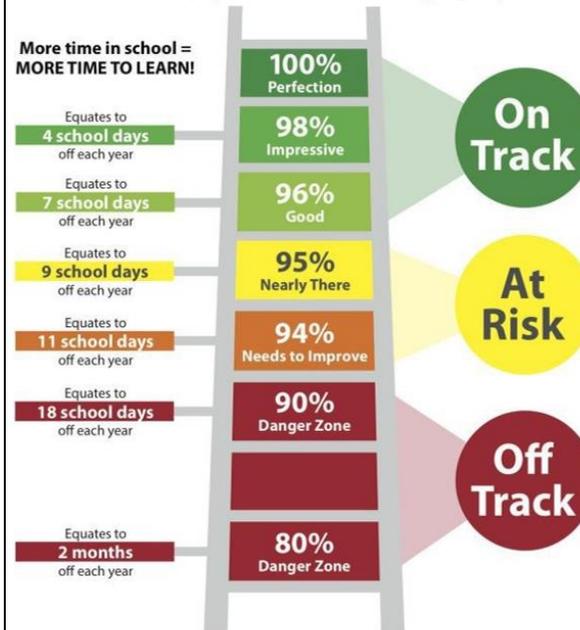
If children are struggling to get into school on time then why not come along to breakfast club?

Children can have a choice of breakfast - including cereals and toast - and then have a fun start to the day with their friends.

Please phone the office or use the MCAS app to book a place.

Southcoates Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



For every day your child is absent from school, **over 6 hours** of instructional time is lost.

Attendance Rewards

Every term, prizes and certificates are given out to all children who reach the target of 96%. Those children who have 100% receive an extra award.

Each week the class with the highest attendance gets cookies from the school kitchen and they get a star on the board in the main hall. Each class that earns five stars through the year gets to plan their own reward afternoon.

Did you know . . . ?

Government guidelines say that attendance should be at least 96%.

If attendance drops below 90%, your child is classed as a **persistent absentee** by the government and will be referred to the Education Welfare Service at Hull City Council, this can lead to prosecution.

Children who attend school every day make better progress and achieve more than those who miss time at school.

If your child's attendance is 90%, it is the same as missing:

- Half a day every week.
- 19 days across the school year
- A total of 133 days across their time at Southcoates!

Missing school means:

- Missing **LEARNING** . . . which leads to gaps in knowledge.
- Missing **ACTIVITIES** . . . which means missing out on fun.
- Missing **TIME WITH FRIENDS** . . . which means that they move on to new friends.

Term time holidays

Changes in the law mean that Principals can no longer authorise holidays in term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances.

The following are **NOT** considered as exceptional:

- Lower costs
- Once in a lifetime experiences
- Holidays booked as a surprise by relatives

Children are only in school for 190 days per year, **PLEASE** take them on holiday on some of the other 175 days!

Fines

The Education Act of 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent or carer to ensure that all children between the ages of 5 and 16 attend school on a regular basis **and** on time.

Parents of children who have regular unauthorised absences or who take their children on holiday in term time may receive a penalty notice and a fine.

£60 per parent, per child!

Lateness

Arriving late can also cause problems:

- Children who arrive late disturb the lesson when they come in the room, which makes them feel uncomfortable and interrupts learning for others.
- It means that they miss important information at the start of lessons and it takes them longer to settle to work for the day.
- It means that if you are 15 minutes late each day you lose 9 ½ days of learning each school year!



at five to nine

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance please contact our attendance officer:

Mrs Hepworth
01482 701407

Part of her role is to work with and support parents with any issues or problems. Please talk to her and we will do all that we can to help.

Southcoates 
Primary Academy

part of the **enquire**
learning trust

School Attendance

We want to work with parents and carers to ensure that your children enjoy school and get the support they need to be in school on time, every day.

This will help them to achieve and get the most out of their time with us.

Please work with us.

Good school attendance enables children to feel confident and happy about their school work and the activities that they participate in.

Supportive Positive Achieving