



Pupil Attendance Policy



At St Marys we strive for 100% attendance for all pupils. Every lesson counts and it is this commitment to learning that will have a positive effect on pupils' examinations and will improve their chances and choices in adult life.

The School Day

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
8.40am	Warning Bell
8.45 – 9am	Form Period or Assembly
9 – 10am	Period 1
10 – 11am	Period 2
11- 11.20am	Break
11.20 – 12.20pm	Period 3
12.20 – 1.20pm	Period 4 – pm registration
1.20 – 1.55pm	Lunch
1.55 - 2pm	Warning Bell
2 – 3pm	Period 5

- School starts at 8.40am
- If you arrive after 8.45am, you will get a L mark which means that you will attend a lunchtime detention that day
- If you arrive after 9.10am, you will get a U mark which means late after the register has closed and 10 U marks equal a penalty notice
- School ends at 3pm



Reasons to attend school

- Helps you learn new things and improve your current skills
- Helps you make new friends
- Allows for further opportunities and enrichment activities
- You achieve a sense of belonging and community feeling
- Good attendance is rewarded weekly
- It creates routines, which is good for your mental health
- You are an important part and play a huge role in the St Marys family

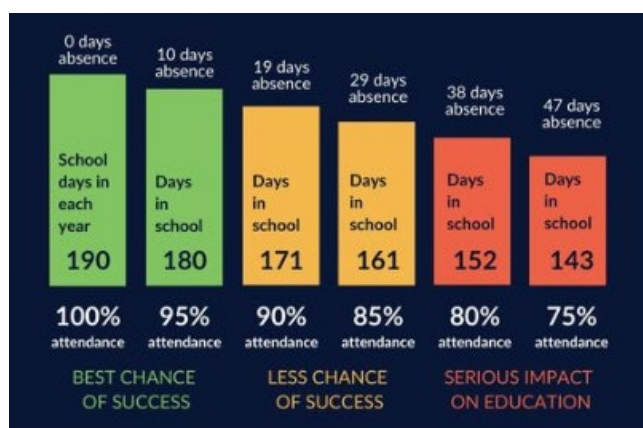
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Why it is wrong to not attend school

- You will fall behind with your learning
- You will not achieve what you are capable of
- You will not make as many friends
- You will get into bad habits and routines, which will affect your mental health
- You will become bored
- You will miss out on opportunities and enrichment activities
- Your parents/carers will get into trouble



Why is good attendance important?



- Vital for pupils to achieve their full potential
- Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier
- Continuity of relationships and friendships
- Good references for further education and employment
- Good habits are formed for later life

Why is being on time important?

Every minute counts. If you arrive late to school every day your learning begins to suffer. It all adds up! Being just 15 minutes late every day across the academic year is equal to losing 10 days in the classroom.



In 1 year, you are in school for 190 days and off for 175 days.

“Be in school every day to achieve your potential and succeed”

