

Welcome to our Attendance Newsletter. The aim of this letter is to promote improved attendance for the students at Ridgeway.

As part of our commitment to providing children with the best possible education, experiences and outcomes we regularly monitor children’s attendance. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age helps your child later on in life, and for every day that your child is absent or late it makes it more difficult for them to progress and achieve their full potential.

We monitor students with attendance of 96% or under (equivalent to 10 missed school days over an academic year). **73% of students who have attendance over 96% or above achieve 5 or more GCSE’s at grades A*-C, and are more successful in their A Level’s** so it’s vital that students are in school to learn.

Attendance %	No. of days missed	No. of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0 lessons
99%	1 day	5 lessons
98%	3 days	15 lessons
97%	1 week	25 lessons
96%	1.5 weeks	37.5 lessons
94%	2 weeks	50 lessons
93%	2.5 weeks	62.5 lessons
92%	3 weeks	75 lessons
90%	3.5 weeks	87.5 lessons

National Secondary Attendance

National average secondary school attendance is currently **91.8%**, and we are consistently above this. We continue to strive to have students in our building and learning every day.

Is my child well enough to come to school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they’re unwell. If your child becomes unwell at school we will contact you. Please read the attached NHS guidance about when to keep your child off school. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to contact by either



- Email absence@ridgewayschool.co.uk
- Phoning the absence line on 01793 846126 (school preference)
- For R6 please email TRSR6Leaders@ridgewayschool.co.uk

before **08:30am** and leave a message detailing the reasons for the absence, including symptoms.

Did You Know..

There are two registration sessions in a school day so if your child feels better, you can send them in later in the day - **every session counts!**

AM Session starts at 8.45am
PM Session starts at 1:05pm

Medical Appointments – Where possible please try to avoid school hours for medical appointments. Where this cannot be helped please bring your child into school either before or after these appointments to minimise lost learning.

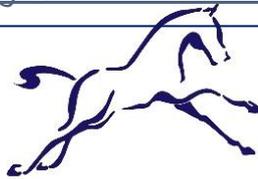
Lateness Process

We have introduced a new process to reduce lateness to the school day. Students who arrive after 8.45am will be directed to the dining hall – they will then have a discussion with a member of the pastoral/attendance team to register them and check in before the day. This is also an opportunity for us to support students with equipment, uniform or anything else they may need help with

Did You Know...

If your child arrives after 9.15am they lose their AM attendance mark for the day.

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Attendance Online Drop In

Tuesday 3rd March – 11.35am – 12.35pm

Friday 6th March 8 – 9am

Monday 9th March - 4.30 – 5.30pm (in person – please book online through the parents evening system but arrive at front reception for your appointment)

If you have any attendance concerns or queries we are running an attendance drop in where you can discuss support available to help improve your child's attendance or reduce barriers they are currently experiencing.

These sessions will be led by the School Attendance Champion (Mrs Allbrook -Dunn)

To book please use the online Parents Evening System

<https://ridgewayschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Sleep

Many of our families have made us aware that their child is often late to school or absent due to struggles with their sleep. Please see below some useful links that may support you further;

[Sleep and mental health - for 11-18 year olds | Mind](#)

The Sleep Charity [Children - The Sleep Charity](#)

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk> Speak to trained sleep advisors: Available Monday/Tuesday/Thursday evening 7-9pm and Mond/Wednesday morning 9-11am telephone: 03303 530 541. See information and support for children with common sleep problems, bedtime routines, bedroom environment and relaxation tips.

[Teenagers and sleep | Better Health Channel](#)

[Sleeptember-sleep-leaflet.pdf](#) – great pdf about sleep for teens with Q&A and tips.

[10 Sleep Tips for Teens | Sleep Action | Formerly Sleep Scotland](#)

Keep an eye out for the 10 hops to Easter attendance challenge coming next term...



"It's going to be eggcellent"

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