

Impact on Learning

The following information shows how school attendance can affect a child's future progress.

Above 97%	Above 97%. Less than 6 days absence a year: Excellent attendance! Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best levels they can, leading to the best possible start in their education.
95%	95%. Less than 10 days absence in a year: Pupils with this attendance are likely to achieve their target levels and will be well prepared for starting secondary education.
90%	90%. 19 days absence over the year: Pupils with this attendance are missing a month of school per year and may fall behind in Maths and Literacy; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	85%. 29 days absence in a year: These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school a year, it will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best.
80%	80%. Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school. It will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of pupils with this level of attendance could be issued with a Penalty Notice.

One of the most important ways to help your child do well at school - and in life - is to ensure that they attend regularly and on time.

Good progress goes hand in hand with good attendance.



Every Day Counts!

Attendance Guidance for Parents

Going to school everyday means:

- ✓ Better life chances for your child
 - *Gaining skills for their future*
- ✓ Building lasting friendships
 - *Developing confidence*
- ✓ Taking part in exciting learning activities
 - *Linking learning from the day before to the next day*
- ✓ Being able to achieve your full potential
 - *Building on previous learning to achieve the best for the future*
- ✓ Developing a love of learning
 - *Wanting to get better for their own sake*

You can help us to help your child by encouraging regular school attendance



To help your child to achieve good attendance parents / carers are expected to:

- ✓ Make sure your child arrives at school on time. School starts at 8.45 and the gates are closed at 8.50 (if you arrive after this time please sign your child in at our reception)
- ✓ Phone school on the day your child is absent by 10.30am (Telephone 01636 682007 or via Parentmail.
- ✓ When your child returns to school, please send a short note or email (office@johnhunt.notts.sch.uk) with the reason for absence.
- ✓ Discuss with school, at the earliest opportunity, any problems/worries that are affecting your child's attendance.
- ✓ Do your best to arrange medical/dental appointments outside school hours.
- ✓ Arrange holidays outside of term time.



To help your child achieve good attendance we will:

- ✓ Make school a place where your child will feel happy and content.
- ✓ Phone you or use Schoolcomms to contact you if your child is absent and you have not contacted us.
- ✓ Give you the opportunity to discuss persistent minor illnesses with the school nurse.
- ✓ Work with you to resolve any problems that are preventing your child from attending school on a basis.
- ✓ Call on the Family Service to help and advice on attendance problems.

To help achieve good attendance your child will:

- ✓ Learn about the importance of punctuality and good attendance from their class teacher.
- ✓ Receive rewards from school in recognition of positive attendance. Recognition will be given to individuals and class groups for achieving high standards of attendance.

The Law and School Attendance

Parents/Carers are committing an offence if they fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

Unauthorised absence can lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice ('fines') being issued and ultimately the Local Authority may pursue cases of poor attendance through the magistrate courts.

Holiday Guidance

The School Policy is to expect all children to attend whenever possible. Holidays should be arranged to avoid absence during term time in order to achieve the highest attendance possible. Requests for absence will only be authorised for exceptional reasons and these will be considered by the Head Teacher on an individual basis. Holiday absences will generally be classed as unauthorised absences - potentially leading to the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Please note that such 'fines' are issued to each parent for each child involved.