



Rowner Junior School

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Dear Parents/carer,

In Miss Payne's recent newsletter she wrote about the importance of attendance. We pride ourselves on being a school where everyone is encouraged to learn successfully, so it is important that pupils attend school every day to ensure that they are able to maximise these opportunities.

Research shows that good school attendance positively impacts upon children's success in learning and their outcomes in the future. This is because it helps children to achieve better results and therefore provides them with the right building blocks to meet the challenges of the modern world. Days off school soon add up and missing lessons makes it hard to catch up, resulting in students having to work harder when they come back and missing vital information that will prevent their progress. It may be useful for you to know what attendance figures mean for your child.

Attendance during one school year
Excellent attendance If your child has 1 day off school during the year, their attendance will be 99.5%
Excellent attendance If your child has 2 days off school during the year, their attendance will be 99%
Excellent attendance If your child has 5 days off school during the year, their attendance will be 97.4%
Good attendance If your child has less than 8 days absence in a year, their attendance will be 96% . At Rowner Junior School, we target for all pupils attendance to be <u>96% or better.</u>
Below average attendance If your child has 10 days off school during the year, their attendance will be 95%
Low attendance. If your child has 20 days absence in a year, their attendance will be 90% . This is equal to 1 day off each fortnight. This makes it harder for your child to make the necessary progress because there will be a significant loss of learning time. Students with attendance 90% or below are classified as persistently absent from school and parents of students with this level of attendance or below could be issued with a Penalty Notice.

We monitor attendance on a fortnightly basis and will contact parents whose child's attendance is below 95%, their attendance will then be monitored for improvements. Late arrivals are also monitored on a fortnightly basis and contact



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will be made to parents/carers of pupils who have arrived late on more than 5 occasions during half term. If the pupil continues to be late or absent, parents will be asked to attend a meeting with a member of SLT.

Your support is critical in ensuring both of these, so **what can you do to help?**

- Ensure that your child attends school every day and on time.
- If your child is not well enough to attend school, please contact the school by 10am. This can be done via a phone call or leaving a message on our facebook page.
- Try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school time. We understand that this may not always be possible, so a letter from the doctor/hospital will be required to authorise the appointment, otherwise the appointment will be unauthorised.
- Take family holidays during the school holiday. We are unable to authorize term time holidays, unless under exceptional circumstances.

We are keen to work alongside you to ensure that your child(ren) are on time and attending regularly. If you are experiencing difficulties in getting your child to school, please contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Vinall or Mrs Fearis to see what the school can do to help.

We appreciate your help and support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Sharpe
Assistant Headteacher