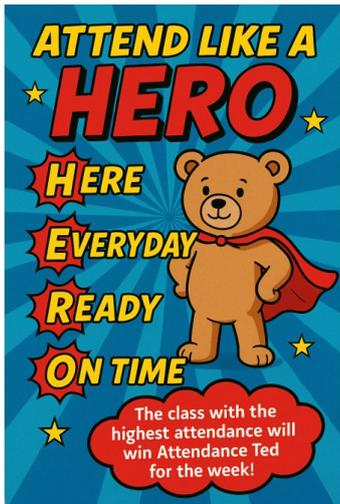


Attendance Matters

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Attendance Is An Issue For Us

Parents should understand that attendance is an issue for our school. We are asking for your support in improving whole school attendance and punctuality.

Lateness after the register is closed is classed as an unauthorised absence.



Our Attendance Champion

Our Attendance Champion is Louise Boardman, the school's headteacher.

The aim is to build strong relationships and work jointly with families, listening and understanding barriers to attendance and working in partnership with families to remove these barriers.

We aim to develop and maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of high attendance.

We monitor data and put support in place to help families when needed.

Why Does Attendance Matter?

Attendance is central to:

- Raising standards in education and ensuring all children achieve their potential
- Supporting friendships
- Supporting a child's self-esteem and confidence



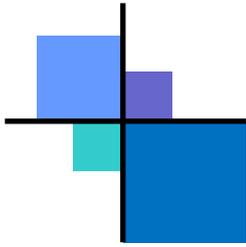
Attend to Achieve

Epworth Education Trust, and Westleigh Methodist Primary School, are united in their belief that regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them. Excellent attendance at school has been closely linked to emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential – enabling them to make a positive contribution to their community and beyond.

We believe that children must 'attend to achieve' - excellent attendance has a direct impact on attainment. In 2019 (the most recent government study) the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 had higher rates of attendance than those with the lowest attainment .

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Persistent Absence (Below 90%)



It is considered that attendance of 90% or below is PERSISTENT ABSENCE. Failing to improve on 90% can lead to prosecution, which school want to help families avoid.

Letters are sent to inform families of attendance dipping below this figure. We offer help with a range of support strategies. This may be help from the school nurse, our school's pastoral manager, the Local Authority Attendance Team and the Early Help Team.

The Real Impact of Attendance

The definition of good attendance in Wigan is 98% or better. Some would say 90% is good attendance - in a test, scoring 90% would be great, but this is not the same for attendance. In fact, 90% attendance is equivalent to missing one day of school every fortnight! That is 19 days across a year missed or, in other words, almost a month of school!

190 days (in each academic year)	180 days attended	178 days attended	171 days attended (more than 18 days absence)
100% Best chance of success!	95%	94%	90%

Your Child's Attendance Record

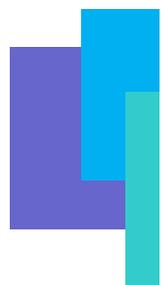
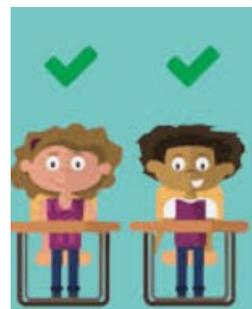
A copy of your child's attendance record is available on request from the school office and attendance data will be provided with your child's annual report in the summer term.

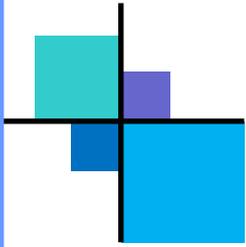


How Can I Help To Improve My Child's Attendance?

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category:

- Keep up with the attendance percentage of your child
- Speak to school staff about any concerns
- Take family holidays outside term time
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is
- Wherever possible, make medical and dental appointments outside school hours or during school holidays.



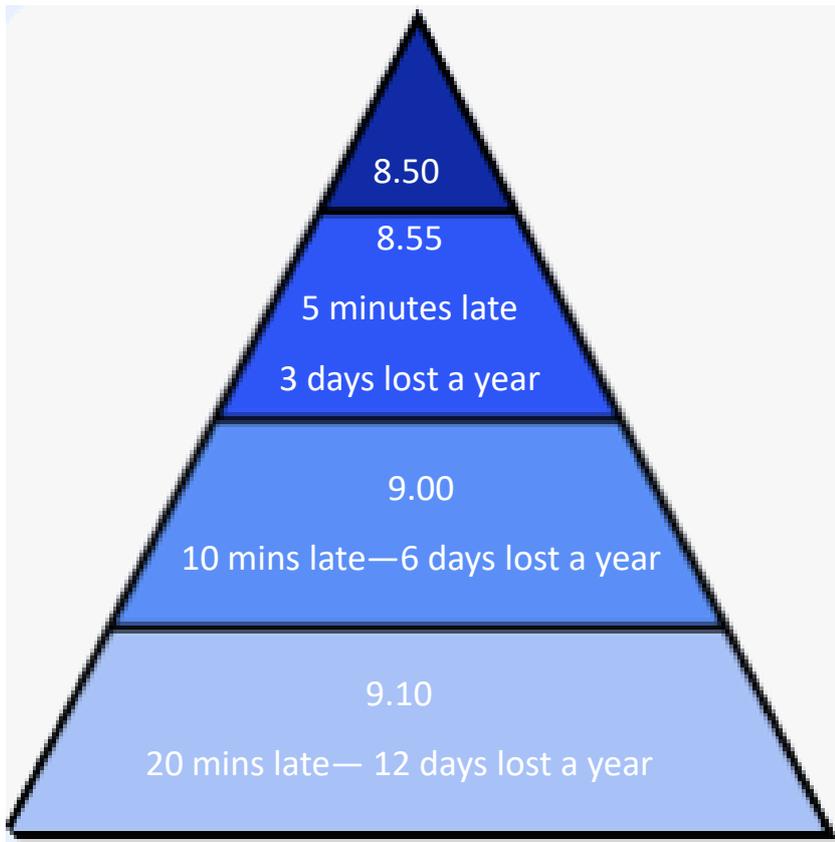


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Punctuality Pyramid

Children find arriving late at school unsettling and they may miss out on important opportunities and learning. Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school every day and on time.



Attendance Link Governor

Our link governor supports school with attendance and punctuality issues. Mrs Robinson, a school governor, supports school with attendance and punctuality concerns and helps school in making improvements.



We have raised the profile of the attendance on the school website.

This allows us to share the importance of attendance and punctuality in a clear way.

