

Learning's great...so don't be late!
Every moment matters at school.

Children who arrive on time settle quickly and feel included in the routines of the school day and get the full benefit of all the teaching and learning in their classroom environment.

Have you thought?

- A child who is 10 minutes late every day has lost nearly an hour of school a week. Over a year this adds up to losing over a week of school time.
- Late children miss the first part of teaching of the morning.
- Lateness causes disruption to the whole class as well as the child who is late.
- Arriving late can often be embarrassing or stressful to the child involved.

Help your child by getting into good routines.

Term time holidays

We are unable to authorise term time holidays. Please think carefully before arranging holidays. Up to date school holiday dates can be found on our website or by searching for *East Dunbartonshire holidays* online.

Illness

All children may get ill **at some point in the school year and absence may** be unavoidable. If your child is off ill, please let us know as soon as possible.

How we record absences

Each half day absence is recorded as 1 absence. Therefore, if your child has one day off school this will show as 2 absences (i.e. 2 half days). As the year progresses, and there are no further absences percentage attendance will rise.

Family Matters

In some circumstances children may need to take time off school due to family matters. Please get in touch with the Head Teacher as soon as possible if time off is needed. Remember, children often cope better with difficult circumstances if their routines are kept the same.

Appointments

If possible appointments should be made out with the school day or during school holidays when possible. If you need to take your child out of school, please try to keep the time off to a minimum coming into school before and after.



**Promoting
Good
Attendance**

It is each school's responsibility to monitor pupil attendance. The Council advise that attendance below 95% is cause for concern.

Please read this leaflet regarding improving your child's attendance and late coming.

We are keen to work together with families to support good attendance and punctuality.

Please get in touch with us should we be able to support your child during our next school session.

Attend to Achieve!

Regular attendance at school is an important part of a child's academic journey. Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are less likely to fall behind.

Why does attendance matter?

Regular attendance at school not only helps children to achieve now but sets them up with good habits for later life and the world of work.

Regular attendance gives your child the opportunity to:

- Learn new things daily
- Develop and practise skills
- Make friends and feel included
- Increase their confidence and self esteem
- Improve their social skills
- Increase their attainment and achievement
- Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations and ambitions.

We text parents/carers if a child is not in school by 9:30am. Please contact us as soon as possible if you know your child is going to be off school that day.



**When I'm late I always miss the first part of the maths lesson
I find it hard to catch up**

Jimmy, Primary 5



95% attendance means you are missing half a day of learning every week

Miss Smith, Class Teacher

Every Moment Matters!

In an average school year there are 190 school days.

So...

- If a child has **95% attendance**, it means they have **missed 9 & $\frac{1}{2}$ days** or nearly 2 weeks off school.
- If a child has **90% attendance**, it means they have **missed 19 school days** or nearly 4 weeks off school.
- If a child has **85% attendance**, it means they have **missed 28 and $\frac{1}{2}$ days** off school or nearly 5 and $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks off school.
- If a child has **80% attendance**, it means they have **missed 38 school days** or over 7 weeks off school.
- If your child has no further absences this percentage will increase over the academic year.

Help your child get the most out of their education by helping them come to school every day.