

Attendance Statistics

- ◆ 52 weeks in a calendar year—38 weeks in a school year
- ◆ No time off = 100% attendance , 10 days off = 94.7%
- ◆ If your child misses one week of school they will miss over **20 hours** of their education.
- ◆ If your child has two weeks holiday during term time and one week illness during the school year their attendance will be 92.1% If this pattern is repeated throughout their school life, they would miss **33 weeks** of their education, **almost an entire school year!**
- ◆ Research shows that children who are absent from school may never catch up on work they have missed. This does affect the progress they make at school and ultimately their exam results.

Ways For Parents To Encourage Attendance:

Praise & reward good attendance.

Talk regularly with your child about school & how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend if they feel supported.

Only grant days at home for genuine illness, children tend to perk up during the day, however school will always contact you should your child need to go home.

Don't take holidays during school time.

For any support with regards to attendance you can contact Mrs. Maree (Parent Support Advisor) or Mrs. Beever (Learning Mentor)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**Increase Your Child's Attendance
And Increase Their Chance
Of Success**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Every school in Saint Mary's Academy Trust agrees that good attendance and punctuality is very, very important in order for your child to do well and make progress in school.

If your child was to miss one day a week this would amount to one and a half years absence from school between the age of 3 and 11. You can imagine the effects this would have on a child's progress in school and on their future prospects.

Most of you, we know, value school and make sure your child attends regularly, however, there are a small number of pupils whose attendance gives us cause for concern. In these cases, regular non-attendance will have a negative impact on each child's education.

We are not asking that any child attends school when they are genuinely ill, but absence does need to be kept to a minimum.

Thank you
Mr. Daniel Wood
Headteacher

It is important for parents/carers to contact school before 9:30am with the reason for the absence. This also applies to part time children. (Foundation)

HOLIDAYS

Head Teachers are no longer permitted to authorise holidays during term time. Any holidays taken during term time will therefore be classified as unauthorised absences.

From January 2016, the procedure for absence will be as follows:

If your child is absent, you must contact school before 9:30 am for each day your child does not attend school.

A safe and well visit will be implemented after any three days of absence during a half term.

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will receive a letter or text message to inform you of this.

If their attendance continues to fall to below 90% you will receive a further letter inviting you to a meeting with Mrs Maree our Parent Support Advisor.

If it continues to fall, this will result in a meeting with the attendance panel and possibly a referral to external agencies.

These procedures are in line with the Department for Education.