Our target for school attendance is 96%

- A student who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed four complete weeks of school.
- 90% over 5 years at secondary school equates to half a school year.

Children who have very good attendance are more likely to gain 5 or more A*-C GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.

If your child’s attendance is 100% they will be able to make the best of all the opportunities available to them.

Children with poor attendance are less likely to gain 5 A*-C GCSEs.

82.1% attendance = missing 34 days of school in one year.

Poor attendance will have a serious impact on education, work ethic and life chances.

92 – 95.9% Below expectations

91.1% attendance = missing 17 days of school in one year.
Missing 17 days a year also means dropping 1 GCSE grade (on average).

Wherever possible please make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours.

The greater the attendance, the greater the achievement.

Punctual and regular school attendance is an essential requirement for successful learning from the time a child starts school.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES
Holidays
In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

 Spend time together
 Go on family visits and days out
 Go on holiday
 Go shopping
 Attend routine appointments

It is our policy not to authorise any term time holidays to any student. Holidays are only authorised at the discretion of the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances.

Taking a holiday during term time, seriously affects your child’s attendance and in turn their attainment.

If an unauthorised holiday is still taken, this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being served.

Practicalities
 It is the parents’ responsibility to contact school to report any absence. Please ring 01932 778634 or 01932 778601. We ask parents/carers to contact by 9am.
 Truancy Call: If a student is absent in the morning and the school has not received an explanation, we will telephone or text home.
 Your child should return to school as soon as he/she is able to do so.
 Attendance should be a priority.
 Students who are regularly late to school will be given a detention. Persistent lateness can lead to a fixed penalty notice.
 If you fear your child has not attended school, please telephone the Main School Office so a check can be made.
 If you have ANY concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

The Law
The Education Act 1996 requires parents to ensure their children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education.

The law says that parent/carers whose children of compulsory school age are absent from school without good reason are committing an offence.

The Local Education Authority can issue a fixed penalty notice for unauthorised absence

A fixed penalty notice can be given for a student who has 10 unauthorised absences (am and pm count as separate absences) from school in a 10 week period. If paid within 21 days, the fine is £60.

You need to be aware that, although you may provide a reason for absence, it is the school which decides if the absence is recorded as authorised or unauthorised.

Be Safe
Truancy/unsupervised absences can put students at risk. Persistent absentee are statistically more likely to become teenage parents, unemployed or homeless or to engage in petty crime and drug abuse.

A persistent absentee is a student who misses on average one day of school each week throughout the academic year.

90% and below attendance = A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE

Year 11 Prom
When inviting students to their Year 11 prom, attendance is taken into consideration. If this is not satisfactory, your child will not be invited to attend.

Attendance is always included on your child’s report—please talk to your child about it.

Please help us to help your child attend school regularly. If there are any problems, please contact us.