

There are **175** days in a year when you're not in school!

ALL this time for shopping, holidays, seeing family and appointments.

Why attendance matters

0 days missed= best chance of success	100%	**Outstanding-** you are giving your child every chance possible of reaching their full potential.
4 school days missed in an academic year= 16 lessons lost	98%	**Very good-** your child is only absent in unavoidable circumstances
7 school days missed in academic year= 28 lessons lost	96%	**Good-** your child is at national average attendance
10 school days missed in academic year= 40 lessons lost	95%	**Almost there-** a few more days in school would make all the difference
11 school days missed in academic year= 44 lessons lost	94%	**Concerned-** We are worried that your child is missing too many lessons
20 school days missed in academic year= 80 lessons lost	90%	**Very concerned-** Your child is at significant risk of being unable to meet age expectations in lessons
29 school days + missed in academic year= 116+ lessons lost	85% or lower	**Significant concerns-** Your child's education is being severely impacted and will be referred.







Fixed Penalty Notices are **issued by local authorities** when attendance is not improving with school's support. 89% of fines in England are issued for term time holidays. The school will work with families of pupils with attendance barriers due to special educational needs or disabilities to provide the right support.

Whilst schools make the referral for Fixed Penalty Notices, they do not find out whether or not these are actioned. Schools **DO NOT** receive the money from FPNs. It is used by Local Authorities to fund the administration of the system as well as providing attendance support.

The number of days absence due to illness from **all teachers or assistant teachers** at West Rainton Primary in 25-26 academic year:

0

Even though it is an educational visit, the Derwent Hill residential in Y5/6 takes place **over a weekend** to model the fact we discourage term-time holidays. The adults who accompany, do this willingly, and without payment.

DfE Attendance Guidance effective from 1st September 2024

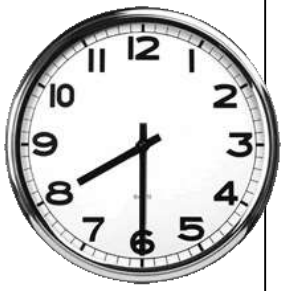
Attendance is everyone's responsibility and is closely aligned with safeguarding. It is the **LEGAL** responsibility of parents to ensure their child is educated and where this is registered at a school, parents have an **additional legal duty** to ensure they attend on every day school is open except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance.



Fixed Penalty Notices FPN (fines)

- **Per parent, per child**- both parents are issued a FPN per child so 3 siblings = 6 separate fines
- **The first time** a fine is issued for term-time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child payable within 28 days, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- **If a second fine** is issued within 3 years of the first, the fine will be £160 per parent, per child within 28 days.
- **If there is a third occurrence** of term time absence (5 days or more) or irregular attendance, a fine will not be issued. Instead the case may be referred for an Education Supervision Order, or to a Magistrates' Court for prosecution which can carry a fine of up to £2500 for 'failing to safeguard a child's education'
- Fines will be issued for term time leave (holidays) of **5 days or more**
- **New for 2024**- Fines will also be issued for 10 unauthorised absences (any 5 days) in a 10-week period





Our doors are open from 8:30am. **School officially starts at 8:40am and children are late if they arrive after this time.** Children who arrive after 8:50am receive a late mark which affects their attendance figure.

Did You Know?

Being 15 minutes late every day for school is the same as missing 2 whole weeks!

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Why lateness matters



Just look at all that we already do to encourage attendance…

- ✓ A raffle ticket in the box for every 100% week, drawn at 2 raffles per year at Christmas and Easter;
- ✓ Fun inflatables day in summer if the whole school collectively reaches 96% (or national average attendance) for the year;
- ✓ Celebratory letters, certificates and prizes;
- ✓ Celebration of the highest attending class of the week with a trophy in assembly;
- ✓ Organise 'late-starts' on days where children may be tired;
- ✓ Whole-school Conga on every day where everyone is in;
- ✓ Exciting, engaging provision and clubs every single day.



Recently added to our incentives:



- ✓ Scores on the doors class attendance competition;
- ✓ Class-opoly! Each class **over 96%** for the week will roll the dice in assembly to move their counter round the giant game board and secure special treats and rewards for the class.

TO DO LIST

- ☑ Phone school to report any absence by 8:30am on the first day. (please **do not** report absence on dojo)
- ☑ Bring children in late if you feel they have recovered enough to be in school.
- ☑ Apply for any leave of absence, including holidays, on the official form.
- ☑ Avoid holidays and routine appointments in school time.
- ☑ Encourage your child to attend on every day possible.

