

FRINTON-ON-SEA PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Connect,
Learn & Grow*

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Your child's attendance matters!
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Why Attend School?

There is clear evidence that a Child's school attendance has a direct effect on their education. Children who attend regularly and arrive punctually every day make better progress generally. Children who are poor attendees or who are consistently late for school often do not reach their full potential.

The law states:

'The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause them to receive efficient full time education suitable:

- (a) to their age ability and aptitude.
- (b) to any special needs they have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.'

By compulsory school age it means the term following their 5th birthday.

Unless they are ill we expect them to attend every day the school is open.

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every day is an important job for parents and children.

Being punctual and ready to work are important life skills that we try to develop in school to equip

children for working life. When your child is late they are rushing and get off to a bad start.

It also disrupts the teacher and the class, who have often started working when children arrive late. Your child could also miss important information or instructions so they may not be so confident during the rest of the day.



INTERMITTENT ABSENCE

This sometimes forms a pattern and attendance becomes erratic leading your child to miss out on initial instructions at the beginning of a concept or consolidation of an activity at the end. This means that your child may then not understand the teaching and learning and may not want to come to school as things get more difficult for them. Please help us to help your child by keeping them in school.

What if you are having problems with your child's attendance?

It is important that you cooperate fully with the school to improve attendance. It is never a good idea to ignore or cover up a problem.

Do not give in to pressure from your child if they do not want to attend school. This only gives the impression that attendance does not matter and education is not important.

Pupils have poor attendance for a variety of reasons and parents play an active part in these excuses for absence. Good attendance habits are developed at primary school and poor attendance at primary school nearly always continues into secondary school. Bring them to school everyday and help us to help them become secure and independent.

Reasons for Absence

Schools must make their registers (which are a legal document) available to the education welfare service (EWS) via the education welfare officer (EWO)

Every half day absence from school has to be classified by the school as authorised or unauthorised. Authorised absence is where the school has given approval in advance for a pupil to be away or has accepted an explanation offered afterwards as a satisfactory justification for the absence. All other absences are unauthorised. It is important that you provide the school with the cause of the absence as soon as possible. A large number of unauthorised absences may cause legal action to be taken.