

# Attendance Matters



## Why is attendance important?

Having good attendance is important because students are more likely to succeed academically when they attend school consistently. It is widely recognised that children who have school attendance of 95% and above have a better chance of reaching their true potential and academic success.

Please work with the school to ensure that your child has the best possible attendance.

At Eveswell Primary School and Somerton Primary School our aspirational attendance target is 95%.

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Punctuality is a very important learning habit as there is a clear link between attendance/punctuality and attainment; the more time a pupil spends in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

## **Being frequently late for school or lessons adds up to lost learning time:**

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.



## **Being on time is a good thing:**

- It gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind.
- It helps your child make the most of their learning and sets positive patterns for the future.
- It helps children develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others
- It helps your child make and keep friends.
- It improves self-confidence.

We appreciate your support in aiming to get your child to school on time each day.

## **HOLIDAYS**

In line with Newport City Council Policy, holidays are an unauthorised absence from school. **Parents and carers of children who have 5 days/10 sessions of unauthorised absence will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.**

**We ask parents to please book holidays during the school holidays.** Please note that should you take a holiday during term time you need to complete a leave of absence form. Please contact the main school office to discuss this further.

**School is open 190 days a year for pupils which means that there are 175 other days available for holidays, medical appointments, shopping and birthday celebrations!**

For more information please follow the link to the Newport City Council website.

<http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/Schools/School-attendance-and-welfare.aspx>