



EDNA (Every Day Never Away) and OTI S (On Time In School) have been a big hit since we introduced them a few months ago; pupils eagerly await Monday afternoon assembly to discover if they'll be rewarded for the best attendance for the previous week.

EDNA loves to see all the pupils in school and OTI S is watching carefully to make sure that pupils are in on time - don't forget, gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am!

With the warmer days, brighter mornings and longer evenings, it feels like there has been a definite improvement on attendance this term and we've even managed to see 95% and 96% on some days, which is brilliant news!!

Unfortunately, punctuality remains an issue, in fact on just **one** morning a few weeks ago, there were 43 pupils who came in late equating to 338 minutes, that's nearly **14 hours** of lost learning - we can't say this enough, give your children the opportunity to be the best they can be and get them into school regularly and on time!!




Is my child well enough to attend school?

Yes - but please let us know:

- Hand, foot and mouth Glandular fever
- Head lice Cold / sniffles Tonsillitis
- Threadworm (after treatment) Slapped cheek



No - so when can I send them back in?

 **Chickenpox** - for 5 days or until the blisters have crusted over

Diarrhoea & vomiting - they can return 48 hours after their last episode

Flu - once their temp has come down and they feel well enough to attend

Impetigo - once their sores have crusted over or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Scarlet Fever - 24 hours after starting antibiotics

Whooping cough - 48 hours after starting antibiotics

Scabies - once they've had their first treatment

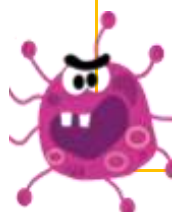
Measles - 4 days after the rash appeared

Mumps - 5 days after the swelling started

Spring Term 2

Class	% attendance	Minutes late
F1CW	90.2%	2000
F2LH	93.8%	1082
F2EW	93.3%	1004
1JS	95.7%	581
1CS	95%	1812
2RS	95.3%	1907
2MD	94%	1192
3LS	95.7%	1336
3FP	94.3%	743
4RS	91.6%	1826
4CG	91.4%	2115
5MC	89.8%	937
5JG	95.1%	1718
6SL	92.1%	591
6CS	92.2%	556

Whole School	93.3%	19400 = 323 hours of lost learning in one term just by pupils being late for school.
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Attendance focus Important changes

On 19th August 2024, the Department for Education (DfE) are changing the statutory guidance that schools adhere to, in order maintain high levels of school attendance. One of the things we thought was most important to let parents know about are the changes in the Penalty Notices which will come into force on that date - here's a brief summary.

Penalty notices - these are issued by the Local Authority for either continuous punctuality or attendance concerns within a 10 week sliding period or for holidays which are longer than 5 days (or 10 sessions).

The guidance states that within a 3 year rolling period:

- The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. - currently £60
- Within that 3 year period, if a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil, the penalty notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days (currently £60).
- If there is a further concern regarding attendance/punctuality of the same pupil within those 3 years, or a holiday is taken (longer than 5 days), the Local Authority will take alternative action instead, which could include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions (currently £60).

Happy Easter - see you all back here on Monday 15th April 24!

