



King Henry VIII 3-19 School Attendance 'Policy on a Page' for Pupils, Parents and Carers



Why is attendance important?

- School **attendance really matters** and is **everybody's business**.
- School is the safest place a child can be during school hours.
- Regular attendance has a strong impact on progress and achievement.
- Pupils with higher attendance achieve better exam results.
- Lessons missed means missing key information, skills and ideas.
- Every lesson counts. Learning builds over time, so missing lessons can make future learning more difficult.
- Good attendance has a positive effect on wellbeing, friendships and social skills.
- High attendance supports wellbeing and confidence, reducing stress and helping pupils feel more connected to school.
- Good attendance develops positive habits such as punctuality, resilience and responsibility that are valued by employers.
- Poor attendance can lead to behavioural, social and mental health difficulties.
- Absences can start a negative cycle; the longer the absence, the harder it is to resolve the issues that may be leading to absence.

What is good attendance?

- **96%** attendance is our school target. **This attendance** leads to better progress, stronger friendships and greater levels of wellbeing.
- 95% attendance = 10 days from school, 2 weeks, 50 hours of lessons.
- Missing just one day every fortnight results in approximately 90% attendance.
- Below 90% attendance is classed as Persistent Absence and means nearly 20 days from school, 4 weeks, 100 hours of lessons missed.
- 80% attendance = Nearly 40 days from school, 8 weeks, 200 hours of lessons.
- A pupil with 90% attendance will miss the equivalent of almost half a school year over five years of secondary education.
- There are 365 days a year. Pupils are in school for 190 days, meaning pupils have 175 days without school each year. Every day of those 190 counts!
- Improving attendance by even 1-2% can have a significant impact on achievement and future outcomes.

What are parents' and carers' responsibilities?

- Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly and accesses a full-time education.
- There are a very small number of reasons where a child may legally be absent from school:
 - 1) Where permission is given in advance
 - 2) Where they are too ill to attend
- Please promote the importance of attendance at school at home.
- Encourage your child to attend school whenever they are well enough to do so.
- Establish good bedtime and morning routines to support attendance and punctuality.
- Always report an absence either by **calling 01873 735373 and selecting Option 1 or through ClassCharts**.
- Discuss any attendance concerns with the school as early as possible.
- Work in partnership with the school to address barriers to attendance early.
- Avoid routine medical and dental appointments during school hours wherever possible.
- Do not take holidays in term time.
- Attendance often falls at the end of terms. Please ensure that your child attends up until and including the final day before a holiday.

How can school support attendance?

- We make attendance a high-profile priority, tracking attendance regularly and sharing information with pupils and parents/carers.
- Attendance staff work with families to identify and remove barriers to attendance.
- Promptly discuss any concerns with the school so we can support you and your child.
- The school can provide a variety of support in-house for wellbeing and mental health.
- Pastoral staff can provide support when attendance is affected by wellbeing, friendships or family concerns.
- The school celebrates and rewards good and improving attendance.
- If further support is needed, the school can refer to outside agencies to support your child.
- Individual support plans can be tailored to meet a pupil's specific needs.
- In the most complex cases, school can refer to our Family Engagement Officer and develop a Personal Attendance Support Plan to help improve attendance.

KING HENRY VIII 3-19 SCHOOL



Every Day
Counts



ATTEND TODAY,
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Welsh Government
classes good attendance
as **90% OR ABOVE**



Missing just 10% of
school over a year
equals **20 DAYS OR
100 HOURS OF LEARNING**



Good school attendance
means **BETTER EXAM
RESULTS, BETTER SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND CAN
IMPROVE WELLBEING**

HOW CAN PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT ATTENDANCE?

We believe that education is a partnership. We will do everything we can to support families to ensure their children attend school, on time. Parents and carers also have a legal duty to do this. To help, you can:



Promote positive attendance at home.



To report an absence, please:

- Call **01873 735373** and select **Option 1**
- Report the absence via **ClassCharts**



Ensure your child only misses school for reasons that are unavoidable, or agreed and understood by the school. For example, significant illness or an essential medical appointment.



Promptly discuss any concerns that may affect future wellbeing or attendance, with the school.



Good attendance
opens doors to a brighter future.



**BE HERE.
BELONG.
BE YOUR BEST.**

Together
we help
children
thrive.

You are part of our family, we need
you all here

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Attendance below 90% is classed as 'persistent absence'.
Better attendance leads to better friendships
and improved wellbeing.

#KHSFamily

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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#AttendanceMatters

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same without you

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#EveryDayCounts

We want you here, we need you here!

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#NotInMissOut

Missing school = Missing out

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#MissingSchoolMissingOut