



Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Resilient

Child Friendly Attendance Policy

At St Paul's Catholic Junior School, our staff want every child to have the opportunity to do and be the best they can. That means that you have to be in school. Children who come to school each day do the best and don't miss out on anything!

Why do you need to come to school?

- To learn new things.
- Being at school every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university when you get older.
- It's the law.
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends.
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and get better at what we do.
- Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school.

What happens if you don't come to school?

- Children don't learn as well and will fall behind with their learning.
- Your parents could get in trouble for not sending you to school.
- You might get bored at home, develop bad habits and become lazy.
- You don't get to see your friends in class.

- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.

What should you do:

- Come to school every day.
- Be in school between 8:30-8:45am.
- If you are very sick then you must stay at home but the person who looks after you must phone school by 9am to explain why you are not in. They must phone every day that you are off so that we know you are safe.
- Any appointments that you have to go to must be booked out of school time unless it is an emergency! If you can't get your appointment outside school hours then come into school first to get your mark.
- You are not allowed to go on holiday in school time for ANY reason at all.
- If your attendance is not good enough or if you are late all the time then you will get letters sent home and the adults who look after you might get a visit or a phone call from a special officer who is in charge of attendance called the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO).

Attendance:

100% attendance = Excellent

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97% <attendance> 90% = Concern

90% >attendance = Serious Concern