



Attendance Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024

School Start/Finish Times

Infant School - 8:45am - 3:15pm

Junior School - 8:50am - 3:20pm

Doors open 5 minutes prior to start time.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Aim for 100% attendance for a better future

Their future is in your hands...

At **The Three Trees Academies** we want to work together with you to help your children

Aspire, Belong and **Achieve**

With this in mind we will continue to closely monitor school attendance with a particular focus on

Punctuality along with **Persistent** and **Unauthorised absences**.

You will see below our attendance data for this term.

Year Group	% Attendance This Term
EYFS	95.7%
Year 1	95.57%
Year 2	94.8%
Infants Total	95.32%
Year 3	96.46%
Year 4	90.95%
Year 5	96.58%
Year 6	95.65%
Juniors Total	94.83%

Why is good attendance and punctuality important?

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people.

What does 90% attendance mean?

- ◆ **90% attendance** = ½ school day missed every week!
- ◆ **One school year at 90% attendance** = 4 weeks of learning missed!
- ◆ **Over 5 school years of school** = ½ school year missed!
- ◆ All children and young people nationally whose school attendance is **90%** or below are considered to be persistent absentees.

DID YOU KNOW? You can check and keep track of your child's attendance on their Arbor account.

Holidays

Holidays during term time can only be approved in 'exceptional circumstances'. You may be fined up to **£160** per parent, per child if you go away during term time. School is closed for a total of 14 weeks each year and the government asks parents/carers to take holidays during this time so that children progress at school as well as possible.

If you need to apply for time off during term time, please complete a 'Leave of Absence' form to enable school to consider your request. These are available on upon request from reception.

Please note that Derbyshire County Council's code of conduct states that the Local Authority (LA) will not issue more than two penalty notices within a 12-month period, consequently a third request will automatically result in consideration of a straight to court prosecution.

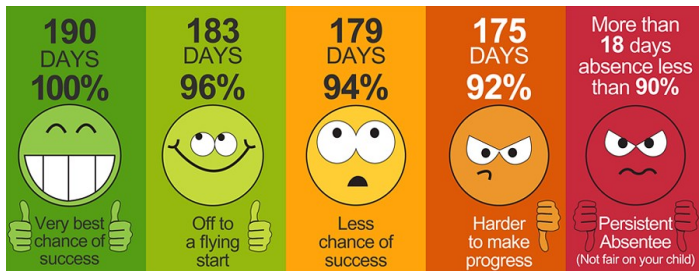
Where a pupil is repeatedly absent without permission the LA have the right to consider a straight to court prosecution instead of issuing a penalty notice. In these cases, the LA will warn a parent in writing that this is a possible consequence of taking a further period of unauthorised leave.

There are some things we would like you to consider before you decide to take your child out of school:

Your child will miss out: Lots of exciting things happen in school every week. Your child will miss social time with their friends, which can impact their relationships among peers. Learning and development are progressive and missed learning objectives can affect a child's ability to build on existing knowledge and reach next steps. A whole week of absence equates to approximately 30 hours of lost learning across all subjects.

Impact on performance and mental health: Absences from school cause gaps in children's knowledge and understanding. As children progress through school they build on their existing knowledge, however children who have gaps struggle to grasp next steps. As well as the negative impact this has on progress, this can also cause children to lack confidence and suffer from low self-esteem, stress and anxiety.

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



If you are concerned about your child's attendance please contact our Attendance and Safeguarding Lead, Karen Harvey by emailing office@threetrees.risemat.co.uk.

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