



Attendance Newsletter

Summer 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

Why is school important and what are the risks of missing days off school?

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their full potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

Every moment in school counts. A child who is absent for three days over a half term could miss 18 hours of learning, which doesn't seem like a lot but this time adds up quickly.

The higher a pupils attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.

Year Group	% Attendance This Term
EYFS	94.95%
Year 1	93.89%
Year 2	93.91%
Infants Total	94.26%

Year Group	% Attendance This Term
Year 3	92.4%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	93.82%
Year 6	96.4%
Juniors Total	94.24%

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Holidays

Absence during term time can only be approved in 'exceptional circumstances'. You may be fined up to £120 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 the school to consider your request. These are available upon request from the school office.

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.

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When you're in school you...



Have the best possible start in life!