

Punctuality Matters

Give your child the best opportunities and the best start.

Top tips for parents:

- Help by packing school bags the night before
- Ensure that your child has a good bedtime routine so that they get plenty of rest and don't struggle to get out of bed in the mornings
- Make time for breakfast before leaving for school
- Contact the school if there are any issues impacting on your ability to get your child to school on time
- Aim to get to school ten minutes **before** the bell goes at 9a.m.
- Invest in a reliable alarm clock
- Have a back-up plan ready for getting your child into school e.g. if your car won't start

Being Late Adds Up

| Minutes Late Each Day | Days Lost Throughout the Year |
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| 5 minutes per day | 3 days lost |
| 10 minutes per day | 6.5 days lost |
| 15 minutes per day | 10 days lost |
| 20 minutes per day | 13 days lost |
| 30 minutes per day | 19 days lost |

Attendance is important

There are 175 non-school days a year to spend on shopping, appointments and family holidays

Good attendance is key to your child doing well at school and will set your child up with good habits for later life and the working world. Every lesson counts and children can quickly fall behind if even one day is missed.

Catching up even a little lost time from school can be really difficult. Absence in the early years could impact on your child's attainment and opportunities in the future.

If bad habits develop at primary school, children can struggle at secondary school if poor attendance habits develop.

Attendance is monitored regularly. If your child has poor attendance the Education Welfare Officer may invite you to a meeting to discuss how you can be helped to make improvements.

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| Good Attendance | 100% | 190 days a year |
| Good Attendance | 95% | 180 days a year 10 days absent |
| Area of concern | 90% | 171 days a year 19 days absent |
| Poor Attendance | 85% | 161 days a year 29 days absent |
| Poor Attendance | 80% | 152 days a year 38 days a year |
| Poor Attendance | 75% | 143 days a year 47 days a year |

Absences

We actively discourage and strongly advise against holidays during term time unless the circumstances are exceptional, in which case a form for such requests are available on the school website or from the school office. Permission for other planned absences must also be sought from the Headteacher in advance.

Holidays during any examination period (year 6 SATs, phonics test in year 1 and times table tests in year 4) will not be authorised. Unauthorised holiday absences may result in a fixed penalty notice.

Please try to make dental and medical appointments after school or as late as possible in the school day to minimise disruption to learning.

Working in Partnership

It is our responsibility to all work together to try to give your child the best possible chance to succeed in what is a very competitive world.

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



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