



St. John Bosco RC Primary School Attendance Newsletter Autumn Term 2017



As you know, everybody at St. John Bosco RC Primary School is committed to ensuring that each of our children gets the best possible start to life. One way we can do this is through ensuring regular school attendance. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful, not only in school, but in all areas of life.



School success starts with attendance

Term Time Holidays

During the last Academic Year 2016-2017 children were out of school for a total of 191 days for term time holidays. Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365. This leaves 175 days for holidays. Please book your holidays during these 175 days of school holidays.

Lateness

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year. Lateness is just as serious as non-attendance. The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for their learning. We start teaching at 8.55am and 'late' children miss out on vital skills such as phonics and/or basic number work.



We hope that you will continue to support us in improving our school attendance by making sure the children are here everyday and learning.

*Mrs D. Pragle
Acting Headteacher*

Illness

We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. However it is very important to inform the school on the first day of the absence with the reason either by phone (0191 5536921).



Missing School Missing Out!

Days Absent by End of Year	Equal to Absence %	Overall Attendance % by End of Year
1	0.5%	99.50%
5	2.5%	97.50%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Descriptor	Percentage Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100	190	0	0
	99	188	2	10
Good	98	186	4	20
	97	184	6	30
Satisfactory	96	182.5	7.5	37.5
	95	180.5	9.5	47.5
Cause for Concern	94	178.5	11.5	57.5
	93	176.5	13.5	67.5
	92	175	15	75
	91	173	17	85
Persistent Absentee	90	171	19	95
	87	165	25	125
	85	161.5	29.5	147.5

Did you know.....

- For every school day missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%
- Ten whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance.
- Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupil's attendance is 90%.
- By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance) they have missed 6 weeks of school or half a term of schooling.

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance at any time, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Pragle or Ms Peart through the school office.