

Punctuality

Part of having good attendance includes being punctual to school and lessons. If your child is late they will be issued with a C4a (30 minute detention), and they will also have missed out on valuable learning time.

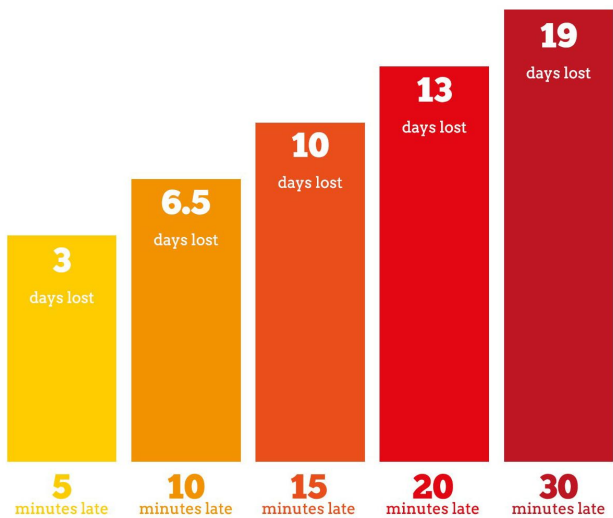
Arriving at school

Your child should be in school by 8.20. If they travel by bus please ensure they have checked the bus times carefully to ensure they will arrive on time.

During the day

Ensure your child has their timetable with them each day (this should be in their planner) so they know where they are going each lesson. To help your child understand why their punctuality is important, show them the following....

Lost minutes = Lost learning



Attendance Facts...

There are 190 school days in a year- that leaves 170 other dates for leisure time.

Having 80% attendance over 5 years equates to missing a whole school year during a student's time at Outwood Academy Haydock.

Students with more than 95% attendance achieve, on average, GCSE results at least one grade higher.

97% attendance is considered 'Good'. This means having no more than 5 days off a year.

A child on holiday for 2 weeks during term time will miss 50 hours of teaching and learning.

Attendance Matters

Outwood Academy Haydock

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Parental Guidance

2024

Parents' Responsibility

As a parent, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child is educated. You must ensure that your child attends the school at which they are registered until the last Friday in June in the school year in which they reach the age of 16. The Local Authority has a duty to ensure all parents fulfil their responsibility.

What can Parents/Carers do?

- Take an interest in your child's schoolwork and talk to your child about school.
- Support the school - attend parents evenings.
- Be positive about school, even if there are problems. Your child will not want to attend if they think you aren't happy. Contact us as soon as possible to discuss any problems so that we can support you to resolve concerns.
- Ensure your child attends every day unless they are too ill to do so. Keeping your child off when it is avoidable gives them the message that school is not important.

Remembering that the following will affect your son/ daughter's attendance even if the Academy has been informed:

Bereavement

Funeral

Medical appointment

Orthodontist appointment

Holidays, or time out of school for other reasons, will not be authorised. This is because they not only affect the education of your son/ daughter, but also affect the education of their classmates as teachers try to help them to catch up.

How to help your child attend school.

It is important that your child.....

- Tries to stick to regular bedtimes. Most teenagers need 8-10 hours sleep.
- Limit access to TV, Games Consoles and Phones after 9pm.
- Commit to having breakfast each morning- complimentary breakfast is available in school from 7.30.

What to do if your Child doesn't want to go to School?

Don't ignore it - You will need to find out why and act accordingly:

- Problems with learning - This may not always be obvious. Talk to your child and contact the school to discuss your concerns.
- Problems at home - Bereavement, divorce, illness, housing problems, debt, stress and domestic violence will all affect your child. Contact us about pastoral support for your child.
- Bullying - This is a common reason for children refusing to go to school and is a worry for parents. Contact us as soon as possible if you think this may be a problem so we can help.
- Illness/mental health - Any health problem that keeps your child away from school regularly should be investigated. Contact us as soon as possible to discuss how we can help. You may also need to contact your GP and/or seek specialist help.



Why is attendance important?

- Statistics show that good attendance directly increases your child's potential to achieve.
- There are regular incentives within school to praise good attendance.

What can the Academy do?

It is important that you let us know about any problems as soon as possible so that we can support your child to improve.

We can offer:

- Learning support - Support with particular difficulties; help with study skills; review of your son/ daughter's timetable.
- Pastoral support - Extra help for your child at times of crisis/stress; buddy/mentor support; counselling.
- Support for parents/carers – Support for you to help with your child's difficulties; links with outside agencies/ services who may be able to help.

