



ATTENDANCE -



WHY DOES IT MATTER AND HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD?

Why is it important my child attends school?

- Every day of learning counts
- Attendance builds strong habits for life
- School supports children's wellbeing
- Children achieve more when they attend consistently
- Being present strengthens connection.

What can I do if my child doesn't want to come to school?

- **Establish a routine at home** - Create regular bedtimes and morning routines so your child gets enough sleep and starts the day calmly and on time.
- **Prepare the night before** - Set out uniforms, pack bags, and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.
- **Encourage a positive mindset about school** - Talk with your child about the good things happening at school—friends, teachers, and activities—to help them feel motivated and confident.
- **Keep track of attendance** - Monitor your child's attendance and talk to them about the importance of being in school every day unless they are genuinely ill.
- **Communicate early about barriers** - If your child is facing difficulties—worries, friendship issues, or health concerns—let the school know as soon as possible so we can work together to support them.
- **Build healthy habits** - Make sure your child eats breakfast, gets enough sleep, and has what they need for the school day.
- **Show that attendance matters** - Children take cues from adults. Showing interest in what they're learning and celebrating good attendance helps reinforce its importance.

Who should I go to for help if I'm worried?

Class Teacher - Always speak to your child's class teacher first if your child is struggling to come to school.

Parent Support Advisor - If you want support with managing routines and structures at home or have questions around attendance.

Miss Eustace - If there is a SEND need for your child.

Miss Prince - Any other struggles with attendance.

