



Attendance Matters

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

Attendance Targets

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child/children get a full time-education. Usually, that means going to school from the age of 5 to 16. The government set a national target of **95%** for all schools. We want attendance and outcomes for all children at Eversley to be higher than nationally so we set a target of **96%**.

Currently attendance at Eversley is **94.79%**

Do you know what your child's current attendance is?

Every Minute Counts

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage children. A score of 90% in a test would be good, but when it comes to attendance 90% means that a child could have missed around **100 lessons** over a school year.

If a child has 1 day off sick every 2 weeks, they will have missed over a month of school in a year

Attendance of **90%** or below is considered Persistent Absence (PA)

Standards

Data shows that primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, well-being and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best exam results.

Punctuality

Getting to school on time is also important in developing strong attendance and good habits. Try to:

- set up regular bedtime and morning routines
- lay clothes and bags out the night before
- share ideas with other parents about getting to school on time

Minutes late per day

School days lost over the year

5 minutes

3 days

10 minutes

6.5 days

15 minutes

10 days

Coming to school on time every day is important to your child's success and learning. Missing 10% of school can make it harder to:

- gain early reading and maths skills
- build relationships
- develop good attendance habits

The best way to improve attendance is for schools and families to work together.

If you are worried about your child's attendance or are having difficulty getting your child into school, please speak to their class teacher or contact the school Attendance Officer, Hayley Kirkpatrick

