



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School believe attendance is a shared responsibility, involving both the school and parents. We will work with families to identify any barriers to attendance and try our best to resolve any difficulties in partnership with you.

How Can You Help?

- Encourage good attendance by making sure your child comes to school every day and arrives on time.
- Make sure your child understands that it is important to attend school
- Inform us on the first day of your child's absence and keep us updated throughout the absence period.
- Good routines support great attendance

Attendance at English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

It matters! It is important! It's the law!

'Pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.'

'School Attendance' Department for Education.

Our Attendance Team:

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Illness Guidance

Although feeling tired or unwell may prevent your child from wanting to come to school, if they can get out of bed and play or enjoy TV, they should be in school.

Looking after your child is important to us. We will contact you if we feel your child is not well enough to stay in school

There may be occasions where we request medical evidence when a child's absence is frequent or prolonged. This is to enable us to code the absence correctly and provide the support your child needs.

Your child can still attend school with colds, cold sores, eye infections and headlice. Please visit the NHS website 'Is my child too ill for school' for more advice or speak to our knowledgeable school staff

Our School Day:

Years 2 – 6
8:55am ~ 3.25pm

Reception & Year 1
9am ~ 3.30pm



What Does the Law Say?

All children of compulsory school age must receive a suitable full-time education.

Once you have registered your child at a school, as a parent, you are legally responsible for ensuring that your child attends. Failure to do so is an offence under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. If a child is registered at a school, they must by law attend that school regularly and punctually.

Children should only miss school if they are ill or unable to attend for some other unavoidable reason.

Please help us promote good attendance throughout our school – you really do play an important role.

If you need any support with attendance or getting to school on time, please contact the school office or call 01772 556092.

Legal Action

If your child is of compulsory school age, but absent without good reason, the school may choose not to authorise any of those days.

This could result in the council taking action against you for each child absent, including:

- A fine – currently £160 per parent per child (penalty notice)
 - Attendance Prosecution through the Magistrates' Courts which could lead to a fine of up to £2,500 or a parenting order being issued.
- So... get your child to school **EVERY** day and on time!

Arriving Late to School

Good attendance doesn't just involve being present in school – it also involves punctuality!

Minutes late per day	= days missed learning
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	14 days

Attendance Matters

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can your child's learning! There are 190 school days, leaving 175 days FREE!

Attendance	= days Missed Learning!	What this means...
100%	0 Days	The very best chance of success!
98%	4 Days	Off to a flying start!
95%	10 Days	2 whole weeks missed
90%	19 Days	Missing important opportunities school can offer
80%	38 days	