

Meadowside Primary School



Making a difference for our future...

...by making the Most of Every Moment

Attendance



Why is attendance so important?

What are the best bits about coming to school?

- Playtime?
- Getting to see your friends every day.
- Getting to join in lots of fun things.
- Learning new and important things.
- Doing better in tests or exams.

It is bigger than even this!

Going to school every day helps you prepare for when you are an adult and go to work every day.

What other opportunities does school give you that help you prepare for life?

**More
independence**

**New
friends**

**New
skills**

**New
teachers**

**Sports
clubs and
hobbies**

**Opportunities
to learn new
languages**

**School trips
and new
experiences**

What might prevent you from coming to school?

You have been sick?

You are tired?

You have to go shopping?

You haven't done your homework?

You have chickenpox?

You have to look after your brother or sister?

Holidays cost less in school time?

You can't find your PE kit?

You are celebrating a religious event?

You just don't want to go?

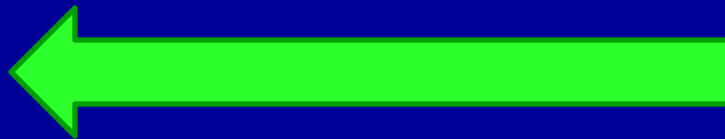
Quick Quiz

• *How many days are there in a year?*

• A. 652

• B. 365

• C. 190



Quick Quiz

- How many days are you expected to be in school?
 - A. 365
 - B. 200
 - C. 190 

That means there are 175 where you DON'T come to school! That's loads!

Our school actually had better attendance than most schools last year!

- *Meadowside - 96.2%* (That's more than 2023-24!)
- *Schools Nationally - 94.8%* (That's more, too!)

(33 of you were here more than 99% of the

Quick Quiz

- *What percentage is a problem?*
 - *A. 95%*
 - *B. 90%*
 - *C. 80%*
 - *D. 70%*

*90% sounds like
loads, right?*

Did you know...?

90% attendance means...

- Half a day missed every week
- 1 month missed every year
- 1 whole year missed over the course of your school career

80% attendance means...

- More than half a term missed per year
- 2 full years missed over the course of

If you don't know what your attendance is, it is on your end of year report. Ask your adults at home.

Which of these are valid reasons?

A serious family event (like a
parent returning from a
Not having the correct kit
.....

<u>Good reason</u>	<u>Poor reason</u>

Be in school for every day you possibly can.
If you are well enough to get up and watch TV, you are well
enough to be in school!

What about being just a few minutes late?

Our school day starts at 8.45am!

Everyone now has start of the day activities handwriting, number facts, reading, Gridlock/ Times tables- if you are late, you miss out on the chance to improve.



Did you know...?



This is how those minutes can add up...

5 minutes late = 3 days every year

15 minutes late = 2 weeks per year

30 minutes late = 19 days a year

Make the most of every minute

- There are things that you can do to give yourself the best chance of learning as much as you can every single day*

**Look out for
your friends**

**Have a
nutritious
breakfast**

**Know who
you can talk
to if you are
struggling**

**Go to bed
on time!**

**Know your
journey to school
and leave on
time**

Attend Today... Achieve Tomorrow

It is normal to feel nervous sometimes.

- Maybe it's the first day back after a holiday*
- Maybe you have a new spelling test*
- Maybe your best friend is not in school*

- TOP TIP: If you are struggling, please come and talk to us so that we can work together to create a plan and solve the problem together*

The more time spent avoiding the problem, the bigger the problem gets!

Make the Most of Every Moment!



- *Come to school on time on as many days as you possibly can...*

*Making a difference for **YOUR** future...*