



Attendance update

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Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential.

During school time we believe pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that brings. Being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

Parents or carers of a child have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a suitable education. This is achieved through regular attendance at school.

Here's what the data shows:

Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.

What do I need to do if my child needs to be absent from school for one of these reasons?

Parents can request a 'leave of absence' form – must be applied for in advance and will only be granted for exceptional circumstances.

Contact school as early as possible if your child is too ill to attend school.

When can my child be absent from school?

When you register your child at school, you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends that school regularly.

This means that your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance

Can I take my child on holiday during term time?

Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and a leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances.

If permission is refused and you keep your child off school on the days requested, you are likely to be committing an offence and be issued a fixed penalty notice or be prosecuted by your local authority.

Things to remember....

- Log your child's absence early on the first day of their illness – you can leave a message on the answer phone.
- Attendance helps your child with their attainment at school but also helps them with their wellbeing.
- Being punctual is so important for children to start their day off in the correct way. Persistent lateness can also trigger a fixed penalty notice.
- Let's work together to give the children at Christ Church the best possible experience at school!