

Attendance matters!

Did you know....

There is a proven link between attendance and attainment – how well your child will achieve in their exams can be dependent on how much time they are absent from school.

Hope Academy's Attendance Target is 97%. Therefore, if your child attends for at least 95% of one school year they will have had less than 10 days absence.

Attendance over One School Year

If your child has had:

98% attendance = less than 4 days absent from school

95% attendance = less than 10 days absent from school

90% attendance = 4 weeks absent from school

85% attendance = 5 ½ weeks absent from school

80% attendance = 7 ½ weeks absent from school

Attendance over 5 year (Years 7-11) ...

If your child has had:

85-90% attendance = having about half a year off school!

80% attendance = 38 weeks off school = one whole school year missed

If your child's absence is causing concern, you will be required to attend a meeting with the Attendance Manager and/or the Education Welfare Officer. This will be supportive, in order to avoid legal sanctions.



Family Holidays are no more!

It may surprise you to learn that parents/carers have no legal right to take children out of school for a family holiday.

From the 1st September 2013, legislation changed and Headteachers can no longer authorise absence for

holidays in term time. Headteachers can only authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. An Application for Leave of Absence form will need to be completed, attaching evidence of exceptional circumstances and returned to the appropriate Attendance Manager.

The Headteacher can decide what an exceptional circumstance is and how many days will be allowed.

Unauthorised holidays in term time may trigger a penalty notice being issued. See our attendance policy/flow chart attached to our website for further information and/or DfE website.

Where children of compulsory school age (5-16) are registered at school, the law says that they should attend regularly (Section 444 of the Education Act 1996). That is unless a child is engaged in an approved educational activity away from the school site or is absent with the school's authority.

Outstanding in all we do

Working together to inspire excellence guided by Christian values

Our school is at the heart of our community.

Regular attendance helps students to achieve their potential. Irregular attendance causes children to fall behind and be at a disadvantage.

It can also place children at risk.



If your child is absent, you must ring school asap on each day of absence on 01744 671930, detailing the reason for absence. Please also provide a note giving dates and reasons for the absence on your child's return to school.

The Law

You are legally responsible for:

- Ensuring your child receives full time education.
- Ensuring that your child attends school regularly.

You can meet your legal responsibilities, and give your child a helping hand, by:

- ◆ Ensuring that your child attends school every day.
- ◆ Ensuring your child is punctual by leaving home in time to get to school by 8.40 am.
- ◆ Supporting and encouraging your child in school by attending parents' evenings and other events.
- ◆ Making appointments for your child to visit the doctor (except in urgent cases), dentist or optician outside of school hours.
- ◆ Informing school on the first day of absences giving reason for absence.
- ◆ Providing a note for the school when your child returns after an illness.

Don't be late....After 8.40am



A prompt arrival at school will enable your child to start the day in a relaxed, enjoyable manner with participation in Form Time or assembly when important notices are given out.

If your child is late for school, they could incur a half hour after-school detention that same evening, 3 lates will incur an after-school detention.

The link between attendance and success in school is clear: the more a pupil is in school the greater their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

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We are always happy to support students and families with any issues relating to attendance and punctuality. Please let us know if your child is unhappy at school and we will endeavour to change things for the better where we can. Likewise we will contact you if we have any concerns regarding your child.. Staff to contact in this case are:-

Years 7, 8 and 9

Mrs W Johnson, KS3 Attendance Manager

Year 7

Miss B Houghton, Head of Year

Mrs W Brown, Student Support Manager

Year 8

Mr P Crook, Head of Year

Mrs S Blackhall Student Support Manager

Year 9

Mr N Harrison, Head of Year

Mrs L James Student Support Manager

Years 10, 11, 12 and 13

Mrs A Gorman, KS4 and KS5 Attendance Manager

Year 10

Mrs L Blackhall, Head of Year

Mrs A Brown Student Support Manager

Year 11

Mrs T Rayner, Head of Year

Mrs J Owen, Student Support Manager

Year 12 and 13

Mr M McGeown, Director of Sixth Form

Mrs J Vernazza, Student Support Manager

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Keep us informed of any changes of details



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What can YOU do?

Recipe for success:-

1. Only stay at home if you are genuinely ill
2. Avoid taking holidays in school time
3. Get organised the night before and get enough sleep
4. Talk to your parents about school and how you feel about it
5. Talk to someone if something is bothering you—you are not alone—we are here to help you



every day counts

ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

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