

Are you having problems getting your child to school for any of these reasons?

- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven't done their homework
- watching TV
- are worried about a test or presentation to do or having an assignment/homework to hand in
- it is their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help:

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!



The Federation of St Bede's & St Bernadette Catholic Schools
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 Days absence	29 Days absence	30 days absence	47 Days absence
	180 Days of Education	171 Days of Education	161 Days of Education	152 Days of Education	143 Days of Education
	100%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	GOOD Good chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		SERIOUS CONCERN Less chance of success. Make it harder to make progress		SUMMONS Not fair on your child. Court Action!

CONCERNS

Please feel free to speak to the attendance officer if you feel you need some help or support with your child's attendance or punctuality. The Headteacher will meet with parents/carers of any child whose attendance has fallen below 90% within one half term, or has been persistently late.

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Absence & Lateness

The Facts!



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Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

They learn better. They make friends. They are happier. They have a brighter future.

Missing school means missing out!

Schools are expected to have an over all attendance of 96 % or above

Legal Responsibilities

Parent/carers of children of legal school age must make sure they receive a fulltime education. They must ensure their child attends school regularly and stays there all day.

Law

Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 is the law under which a parent/carer can be prosecuted.

The Consequences

Parent/carers can be taken to court for the breaking the law. The maximum penalty is a fine of up to £2,500 per parent per child (for you and your partner) and/or up to 3 month's imprisonment.

Penalty Notice

The local Authority also have the power to issue a penalty notice, (Penalty Notices start at £60 per parent per child—If not paid the fine will rise to £120. Failure to pay may lead to prosecution).

Attendance affects achievement

Did you know? Research shows that higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Research published by the Department for Education (DfE) suggests that children with poor attendance are more likely not to be in education, employment or training when they leave school.

It argues that there is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement, highlighting that only 3% of pupils who miss more than 50% of school manage to achieve 5 or more A*-C GCSEs, including English and Maths, compared with 73% of pupils who have more than 95% attendance.

Is 80% good?

An 80% mark in an exam may be good but 80% attendance through four years of school is equal to a full year of school lost.



Lateness has a negative impact

Being late can

- Disrupt lessons
- Affect achievement
- Embarrass/upset your child

Being late adds up to loss of learning:

