

Attendance Facts

- **School is open for 195 days per year, that leaves 170 days for leisure time.**
- **If a child is absent from school for an average of 1 day per week, they will miss 2 years of their education from reception to year 11.**
- **90% attendance equals half a school day missed each week.**
- **In one school year that would mean the loss of four weeks of classes.**
- **Across five years it equals HALF a school year missed.**
- **Only school can authorise absence.**
- **Unauthorised absence from school is called truancy. Parents of students whose absence is not authorised could be guilty of a criminal offence.**
- **Parents can be issued with a fine of up to £2500 or face up to 3 months in prison for their child's non-school attendance.**
- **If your child is late by 5 minutes per day this could mean they miss 3 school days per year.**
- **If your child is late by 30 minutes per day this could mean they miss 30 school days per year.**
- **If your child arrives late for school they feel different to their friends, miss the morning routine and any work which has been set.**

If you have concerns over your child's attendance or punctuality you can talk to your child's school or alternatively contact the Education Welfare Service on **01782 235355**.