

School Assembly on Attendance


Dear Parents,

At St Cyprian's Primary Academy, we are striving to promote **excellent attendance and punctuality** amongst all our children. In an effort of doing so, I as St Cyprian's Education Welfare Consultant, have delivered a Whole School Assembly where I highlighted:

- ◆ the importance of attendance and punctuality,
- ◆ what research tells us about the links between attendance and attainment,
- ◆ the difference between authorised and unauthorised absences,
- ◆ the best time to go on holiday,
- ◆ the impact of children's absences on their friends and close friendships,
- ◆ what to do if they are not happy in school and
- ◆ the rewards we offer children who are in every single day!

You may be aware that as parents/carers, you are legally obliged to ensure regular attendance of your child. However, it is important to us not just for your children to be in school, but to understand *why* this is so essential and to be aware of the adverse impacts of poor attendance and punctuality. Attendance and punctuality are both valuable life skills needed beyond school. Excellent attendance and punctuality demonstrates reliability, great time management, develops confidence and a positive attitude. We therefore invite you to support your child and St Cyprian's Primary Academy by reinforcing what your child has learnt today and ensure excellent attendance and punctuality every day.

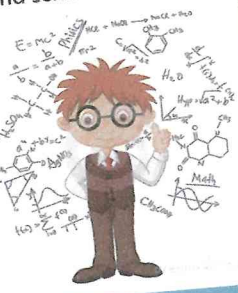
**"The more your child is in school,
The more your child will get out of it!"**




What we know about attendance...

Some people who have worked with children and schools for a long time have found that children who...

- are in school more than 95% of the time, do better in tests and exams.
- have good attendance and punctuality are more likely to get an excellent job when they are adults.
- are in school regularly, learn a lot more than children who aren't.




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Why is Punctuality so Important?

If you're late...


- You will miss out on learning
- You will miss out on explanations/instructions
- You are likely to disrupt the lesson; your teachers and friends
- You could fall behind on your work
- You might not do as well as you would if you were always in on time!
- You might get used to it and lose motivation to be on time
- Your friends will notice and might not understand
- You won't get 100% in school punctuality
- You won't get punctuality rewards
- You might not understand the importance of good punctuality – It's a life skill!



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Let someone help you if you are not happy!



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