



# Winhills Attendance Newsletter

Autumn 2022

Welcome back to the 2022-23 academic year. We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and your children are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

In this half termly newsletter, you will be provided with information about attendance and punctuality within the school, as well as specific information around your child's class with the aim to:

- Continue to raise awareness of the importance of good attendance
  - Inform parents/carers of the schools policies and procedures
  - Inform parents/carers of the school's current attendance figure
  - Provide helpful tips on getting your child to school on time
  - Promote the rewards for pupils who maintain good attendance

## Attendance targets

As a school, we aim to be above or in line with the national average of 96% attendance. In 2021-22, our attendance as a school was only 92.1%, meaning significant parts of learning was impacted.

Whilst 92% might sound like a good score for a test, for attendance it means over 15 days (or three whole weeks) absent! That is a lot of missed learning and is impacting greatly on the school.



## Why is good attendance important?

Attendance during the year	Number of days missed	Number of weeks missed	Number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 days	290 lessons

Attendance Matters!



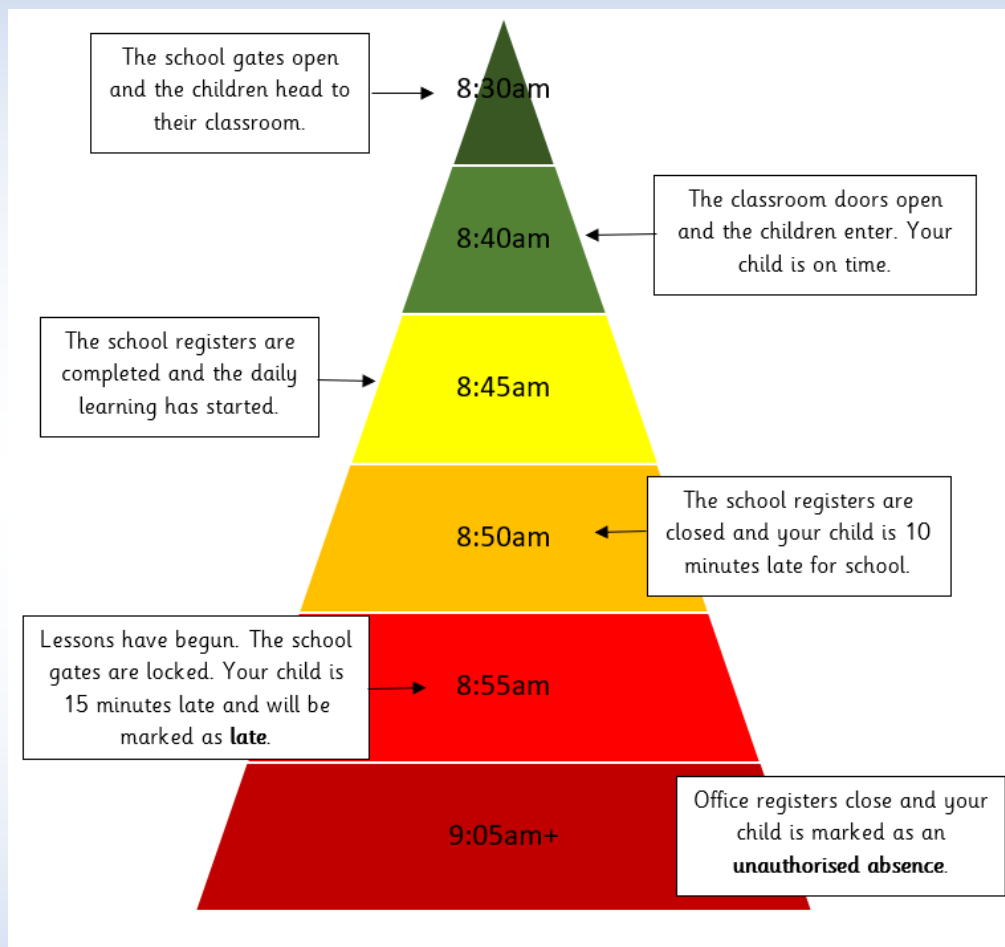
Every Student, Every School, Every Day

We are always here to support families struggling to keep up with punctuality or good attendance. Over the next few weeks, we will be contacting families with under 90% attendance to see how we can best support with attendance and punctuality

## Reporting an absence

If your child is unwell, you must report your absence to the school office each morning before 8:40am - failure to provide a reason for an absence can result in an unauthorised absence. The Department for Education (DfE) and Local authority deem unauthorised absences as unacceptable. This includes absence due to: term time holiday, a day out, a birthday, a shopping trip etc. If your child is regularly absent due to unauthorised reasons, you will be contacted by school to discuss this further.

**Medical appointments:** please ensure that, where possible, all medical appointments are taken outside the school hours.



## Punctuality

Good attendance means good punctuality. If a child arrives at school late, it has a big impact on their day. If this becomes a regular occurrence, it will impact on their overall attendance.

When a child arrives after the registers close (9:00am), they will be classed as absent which will impact their overall attendance marks.

## The legal part

Keeping good attendance is not just vital to keeping up with learning, it is also the law. Failure to maintain good attendance can result in fines and legal prosecution.

## Rewards and awards

At Winhills, we will reward those children who maintain good attendance. Each week, the class with the highest attendance in the school receives a certificate and an extra play time. At the end of each term, we will be giving certificates to individual children who achieve good attendance.

