

What happens if you don't come to school?

- We miss out on learning and might feel like we are falling behind the other children in our class.
- We will find it hard to do well in any tests.
- We might get bored at home and develop bad habits like not getting up early.
- We will miss out on seeing our friends.
- We might miss special events such as school trips, after school clubs and plays.
- We will miss out on attendance rewards and will make it harder for our class to earn them.
- Our parents/carers will receive letters from school and might be asked to come to school for a meeting to talk about how to improve our attendance.
- If we go on holiday during school time our parents/carers could get a fine.
- We are making it harder for ourselves to do well in high school, college, university and to get a good job.



What should your parents/carers do if you can't come to school?

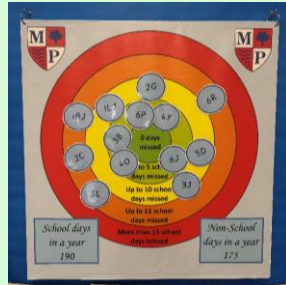
- They should contact school to let staff know why you can't come in. They can either phone, send an email, let a member of staff know at the office or on the gate or contact school using a Parentapp.
- If you are really feeling unwell, they should think carefully whether you are too poorly to cope with the school day. School will send you home if your teacher thinks you are too poorly.




- If you are off for a few days, your parent/carer should keep school updated every day.
- If you need to be off school for a planned event that is coming up, like a hospital appointment, they should fill in a leave of absence request form at the school office or on the Parentapp.

What does school do to encourage us to be in school every day?

- Teachers plan interesting lessons and make our learning fun.
 - Attendance Target Board – Each week we will see where you land on the target board. Who can land their class in the green?
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- The target board is circular with concentric rings. The outermost ring is red and divided into 12 segments, each containing a number from 1 to 12. The next ring inward is yellow and divided into 12 segments, each containing a number from 13 to 24. The innermost ring is green and divided into 12 segments, each containing a number from 25 to 36. The center of the board is a small circle with the text '100% attendance' and 'up to 10 school days missed'. Below the center, there are two boxes: 'School days in a year 190' and 'Non-School days in a year 175'. The board is framed by a blue border with the letters 'M' and 'P' in the corners.



- End of term certificates and end of year Attendance Hero teddy for everyone over 97%.
 - Daley Bear and Evie Bear visit the classes with the best attendance for the month and join in with all the exciting lessons the teachers plan.
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- A young girl with dark hair, wearing a blue school uniform, is sitting at a desk. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. A teddy bear is sitting on the desk next to her. In the background, there is a whiteboard and some colorful decorations.



Mersey Park Primary School



Attendance Officers' Advice Leaflet for Children

Why is attendance important?

**Being in school every day gives us the best possible start
for the rest of our life.**

**We will learn new facts and skills and make friends,
which will help us to be happy and confident people.**

Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things.
 - Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and to make friends.
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- Educational visits help us to learn about the big, wide world outside of school.
 - Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to work together and get new skills.
 - Being at school every day improves our chances of going to college or university or getting a job, when we get older.
 - It is the law.

