



Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

Did you know?

- Patterns of late arrival at school or missing classes are early warning signs of disengagement from school.
- Missing just one day of school each week adds up to 2 months missed over a year.
- Each day of absences has an impact on skill development and social connections.
- Poor attendance may be associated with future unemployment, criminal activity, substance abuse, and poorer health and life expectancy.

Contact details:

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on (03) 93689800 so we can update our records.

Notify the school of your child's absence

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, by phone or email. Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

<p>Your child's attendance is 100% Your child is up to date with their learning!</p>
<p>Regular attendees By the end of the year, your child has less than 9 days absent from school. Across thirteen years of schooling, this could equate to 9 months absent.</p>
<p>Risk of chronic absence By the end of the year, your child has more than 10 absences. Across 13 years of schooling, this could equate to 1 year and 3 months absent.</p>
<p>Chronically absent By the end of the year, your child will has more than 20 absences. Across 13 years of schooling, this could equate to a minimum of 1 year and 10 months absent.</p>
<p>Severely chronically absent By the end of the year, your child will has more than 30 absences. Across 13 years of schooling, this could equate to more than 2 years absent.</p>

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