

How Parents Can Help

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness – this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
- Take truancy seriously – if your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk – Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school and homework
- Attend parents evenings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school – staff are there to help.

Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour

Why Good Attendance at Kings' Is Important



'The greater the attendance the greater the achievement'

Attendance 2016/17

Attendance And The Law

School holiday dates are published well in advance and parents are expected to plan and take their family holidays at this time so as not to disrupt their children's education.

Holidays taken during term time will be categorised as an unauthorised absence unless written permission has been given by the Headteacher due to exceptional circumstances.

Parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

PUNCTUALITY

The school, by law has to take a register of pupils first thing in the morning and at some point in the afternoon. If a pupil is late but the register is still open they are marked as late. If a pupil arrives late and the register is closed, without a satisfactory explanation, it may be classed as an unauthorised absence. This may lead to legal action for not ensuring regular and punctual school attendance.

Did you realise that if a child arrives 15 minutes late to school each day they lose almost 2 weeks of education a year!

**Give your child the
best start in life –
every school day**

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The Facts About Attendance

<i>Attendance Grade</i>	<i>% attendance</i>	<i>Days attended</i>	<i>Lessons missed in a year</i>	<i>Lessons missed over 5 years</i>
<i>Outstanding</i>	100	190	zero	zero
<i>Excellent</i>	99	188	10	50
<i>Good</i>	97	184	30	150
<i>Requires improvement</i>	94	179	55	275
<i>Cause for concern</i>	92	175	75	375
<i>Immediate action required</i>	<92	<175	>75	>375

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Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading.

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.