




ATTENDANCE MATTERS

What was your child's class attendance looking like last week?

Attendance: week beginning 23rd March			
RB	93.7%	RR	94.3%
1A	100% 	1CP	97.9%
2P	96.7%	2TW	97.3%
3J	97.3%	3S	97.3%
4H	97.4%	4P	97.2%
5H	98.7%	5R	96.3%
6D	98%	6P	94.1%

Class 1A accomplished an extraordinary feat by securing the attendance award with over 100%, demonstrating the exceptional commitment of the entire class to attending school this week. Furthermore, a hearty congratulations is extended to the 11 classes that achieved over 96%, as they've all earned a Popcorn Token. These tokens will contribute to their well-deserved end-of-half-term treat. This week's overall school attendance stands at an impressive 97.4%.

To help us "Inspire to make the World a better place", we want to ensure that our children have the best possible start in life and that starts by giving our children the best possible education and to give lots of chances to promote a development of everyone's social skills.

At Holmer CE Academy, we aim to:

- aspire towards and then maintain an attendance rate is over 96%
- continue to raise and maintain parents' and pupils' awareness of the importance of regular attendance
- challenge all absences that do not meet the criteria for being authorized
- reward attendance.

Number of minutes late every day	Days lost over the year
If your child is 5 minutes late every day	...they will lose 3 days of school
If your child is 10 minutes late every day	...they will lose 6.5 days of school
If your child is 15 minutes late every day	...they will lose 10 days of school
If your child is 20 minutes late every day	...they will lose 13 days of school
If your child is 25 minutes late every day	...they will lose 19 days of school

What families can do



Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.



Build regular routines for bed time and the morning.



Talk about the importance of regular attendance and about how your child feels about school.



Don't permit missing school unless your child is truly sick. Use a thermometer to check for a fever. Remember that stomach aches and headaches may be signs of anxiety.

Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Keep a chart recording your child's attendance at home. At the end of the week, talk with your child about what you see.

Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another parent for help

Seek support from school staff or community groups to help with transportation, health problems, or no safe path to school.

" Inspiring us all to create a better world "
 Matthew 5:13-15 "You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world."