

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

RAISING ATTAINMENT THROUGH PROMOTING GOOD ATTENDANCE



REMEMBER

Good attendance leads to higher pupil attainment. Remember one week's absence means 3% of the learning time lost. At Higher 5% in marks represents one whole band. Can you really afford to carry that sort of penalty through your education?

Parents, Pupils and Teachers must all work together to achieve better attendance and higher attainment.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN ABSENCE NOTE IS NOT PROVIDED?

If your child does not bring his/her absence note on return to school, the following sequence of events will take place:

1. She will receive at least one prompt from the school reminding him/her of the need to bring in a note.
2. If, still, no note is provided, a standard letter detailing the pupil's pattern of non-attendance will be sent to you by Pupil Support, requesting a written explanation.
3. If there is no reply to the standard letter, the case will be put in the hands of the Attendance Officer, who will make a visit to your home to seek an explanation.

If no satisfactory explanation is provided after all this, the pupil's absence is entered in the school register as "unauthorised".

A pupil with a pattern of "unauthorised" absence will be referred by the Authority to the Children's Panel.

Please note that this procedure is extremely time consuming for the staff involved and it is a great help when absence notes are produced promptly on a pupil's return to school..

Please help us to monitor your child's attendance as efficiently as possible.

If you wish any more information on any matter raised above, please contact the Head Teacher. If you ever have reason to discuss your son/daughter's attendance, please contact

his/her Pupil Support teacher, who will be pleased to help.

School Phone No: 0141 577 2200

Pupil Support Staff and Attendance Officer

Mrs Sinclair

Mrs Bryce

Mr Williams

Mr Griffin

Mr Keogh

Mrs MacGregor

Mrs McCarron

Ms Morgan (Attendance Officer)

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES

Pupils beyond the statutory leaving age can receive application forms for EMAs from DHT senior school, the School Office and East Renfrewshire Council. These forms are usually available from May onwards and applicants must satisfy a number of criteria set by the local Authority in order to receive an award. One of the criteria listed is that pupils in receipt of a bursary must have better than 90% attendance over the year. This figure should be achievable by all pupils not only those receiving bursaries.

