Every moment matters at school.

Children who arrive on time settle quickly and feel included in the routines of the school day and get the full benefit of all the teaching and learning in their classroom environment.

Have you thought?

o A child who is 10 minutes late every day has lost nearly an hour of school a week. Over a year this adds up to losing over a week of school time.

o Late children miss the first part of teaching of the morning.

o Lateness causes disruption to the whole class as well as the child who is late.

o Arriving late can often be embarrassing or stressful to the child involved.

Help your child by getting into good routines.
Children should not be signing in to school immediately after the bell rings just because they have been dropped off by car. In most cases there is still time for them to line up with their class.

Please remember…

Term time holidays
We are unable to authorise term time holidays or send work home at this time unless there are special circumstances. Please think carefully before arranging holidays. School holiday dates can be found on our school app or online.

Illness
All children may get ill at some point in the school year and absence may be unavoidable. If your child is off ill please let us know as soon as possible. Exclusion periods should always be followed e.g. 48 hrs for sickness
School can support by providing work in some circumstances but regular days off will impact on their educational progress.

Family Matters
In some circumstances children may need to take time off school due to family matters. Please get in touch with the Headteacher as soon as possible if time off is needed. Remember, some children often cope better with difficult circumstances if their routines are kept the same.

Appointments
Where possible, appointments should be made outwith the school day or during school holidays when possible. If you need to take your child out of school please try to keep the time off to a minimum coming into school before and after.

Promoting Good Attendance

It is each school's responsibility to use the guidance issued by Fife Council to monitor pupil attendance and lateness and advise parents that any attendance below 95% is a cause for concern.

We are keen to work together with families to support good attendance and punctuality.

Please get in touch with us should we be able to support your child during our next school session.

Attend to Achieve!

Regular attendance at school is an important part of a child's academic journey. Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are less likely to fall behind.
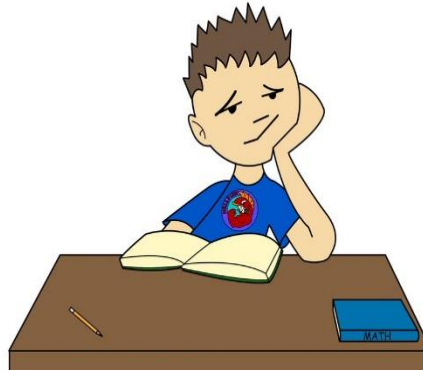
Why does attendance matter?

Regular attendance at school not only helps learners to achieve but sets them up with good habits for later life and the working world.

Regular attendance gives your child the opportunity to:

o Learn new things daily

o Develop and practise skills

o Make friends and feel included

o Increase their confidence and self esteem

o Improve their social skills

o Increase their attainment and achievement

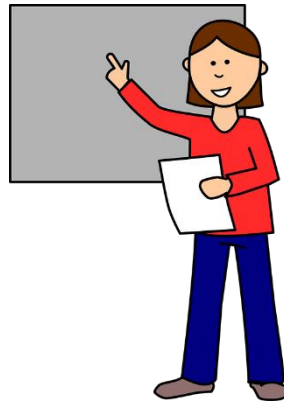o Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations and ambitions.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you know your child is going to be off school that day.

What a pupil may think…

When I'm late I always miss the first part of the maths lesson I find it hard to catch up.

What a teacher may think….

95% attendance means you are missing half a day of learning every week.

Every Moment Matters!

In an average school year there are 190 school days.

That means…

o If a child has **95% attendance** it means they have **missed 9 & ½ days** or nearly 2 weeks off school.

o If a child has **90% attendance** it means they have **missed 19 school days** or nearly 4 weeks off school.

o If a child has **85% attendance** it means they have **missed 28 and ½** days off school or nearly 5 and ½ weeks off school.

o If a child has **80% attendance** it means they have **missed 38 school** days or over 7 weeks off school.

Help your child get the most out of their education by helping them come to school every day.