



The Cambridge Primary School



Attendance Matters!

Newsletter – Summer 2

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The numbers...

In this academic year to date:



- **National attendance 93.3%**
- **The Cambridge attendance 94.7% Thank you!**

We are still above the national average for attendance!

Can we reach our target of 95% for this half term?

231 children had 100% attendance last half term! That's **44 more** than in Spring 2!



Punctuality

At The Cambridge Primary School, we are committed to giving every child the best start to their day and their learning. Arriving at school on time is an important part of this. Gates open at 08:30 and learning begins from the moment the children enter school.

Being on time:

- gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind
- sets positive patterns for the future
- helps your child to make the most of their learning
- helps children to develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others
- helps your child make and keep friends
- leads to success and self-confidence



Being late:

- gets the day off to a bad start and can be stressful
- can be embarrassing for your child
- may affect your child's confidence
- your child will have missed out on vital instructions, information and news shared at the start of the day, this may lead to them feeling confused
- disrupts the learning for everyone
- means children can fall behind in their learning
- can create a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future
- can lead to poor attendance

Types of lateness:

- Late before the registration closes (up to 09:15).
- Late after the register closes (after 09:15) and counts as an unauthorised absence

Ways to help

- Help your child to get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, reading book, school uniform). Could they have a tick list?
- Establish a good morning routine. A visual timetable could help.
- Allow plenty of time to get to school.
- Make arrangements with neighbours, family or friends if you have problems getting your child to school.
- Make sure your child has breakfast or plan to use the breakfast club.
- Help your child organise homework.
- Establish a good bedtime routine. Even simple things like making sure the room is dark enough to enable your child to sleep well can make mornings easier and less of a struggle.
- Make sure your child gets enough rest and is not distracted by too much time on devices or watching TV.
- Give your child access to an alarm to wake independently.
- Take care of yourself.

What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?

- Talk to your child.
- Talk to your child's teacher.
- Talk to Mrs Vaiva (family support advisor)



Did you know if your child arrives at 09:15, they have missed at least 30 minutes of learning?

Absence-Illness Please report any absence to the school office by 9am

01252 314884 info@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk

The [NHS website](#) will help you decide if you should send your unwell child to school. Remember - if your child is unwell in the morning but feels better later on, they are very welcome to attend school later on in the day.

Absence-Term Time Please complete a **Leave of Absence form** for consideration

Apart from when ill, children are only permitted to miss school if:

- 1) You have asked **in advance** and been given permission for your child to be absent due to exceptional circumstances. **Holidays are never authorised.**
- 2) You are taking part in religious observance (one day only.)

Please see the [Attendance guidance for parents](#) including rules from the Department for Education regarding absence and penalty notice fines.