

Frimley Church of England School



Attendance 2023 - 2024

Attendance

We firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. Full and regular attendance at school is crucial for a child's future life chances and establishes a positive work ethic early in life. Not only does good attendance guarantee no learning is missed, but children who have poor attendance do also miss out socially and on opportunities for further personal development. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to make sure their child attends school regularly and that they arrive punctually at school.

Every minute at school counts and children can quickly fall behind even if they have missed one day.

Does attendance really matter? 1 or 2 days a week may not seem like a lot but...

If your child misses..	%	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is....
1 day a fortnight	90%	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1.5 yrs
1 day a week	80%	8 weeks each year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	60%	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	40%	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years

Attendance is monitored regularly. If your child has poor attendance the school and/or Local Authority's School Attendance Support Officer may write to you and/or invite you for a meeting to discuss how you can be helped to make improvements.

Good Attendance	100%	190 days a year
Good Attendance	95%	180 days a year 10 days absent
<i>Area of Concern – at this stage your child is categorised as a 'Persistent Absentee'</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>171 days a year 19 days absent</i>
Poor Attendance	85%	161 days a year 29 days absent
Poor Attendance	80%	152 days a year 38 days absent
Poor Attendance	75%	143 days a year 47 days absent

Punctuality and the start of the school day



Children can arrive from 8.30am with registration taking place at 8.40am.

Children arriving after 8.45 and before 9.15am will be marked in as late.

9.15am is the official time that registers are closed. If your child arrives after this time, an absence will be recorded.

It all adds up...

Minutes late each day	Days <u>lost</u> throughout the Year
5 minutes per day	3 days
10 minutes per day	6.5 days
15 minutes per day	10 days
20 minutes per day	13 days
30 minutes per day	19 days

Tips to help your child with punctuality:

1. Make sure all school equipment/clothes are ready the night before
2. Set an alarm allowing plenty of time for getting dressed and having breakfast in the morning
3. Contact the school if you think you are going to be running late
4. Check traffic and travel before leaving

Illness

The Covid Pandemic may have made parents more concerned about coughs and colds that their children inevitably pick up at primary school age. The following link provides parents

with guidance which may help when deciding whether your child is well enough to attend school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



Absences

There are 175 non-school days to make appointments, to go on trips and go on holidays.

Dental and Medical Treatment - Parents/carers are encouraged, whenever possible, to book medical and dental appointments outside of the school day. When appointments during school hours are unavoidable, parents/carers must complete an Absence Request Form (available on the website).

Family holidays - The school holiday dates are published a year in advance and are available from the school office and on the school's website. Family holidays need to be booked within the school holiday dates. **Family holidays are not deemed exceptional circumstances and will not be authorised.**