



Attendance Newsletter



WE need your help! Our attendance so far is 95.13%. At Valley View we proudly strive for over 96%. Please can we ask you to work with us to improve our whole school attendance and punctuality. Each minute of the school day provides the opportunities for learning and it's noticeable when pupils miss time.

Punctuality & Lost Learning

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.20 in Key stage 1 and 3.25 in key stage 2. Lessons begin straight away!

If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year!

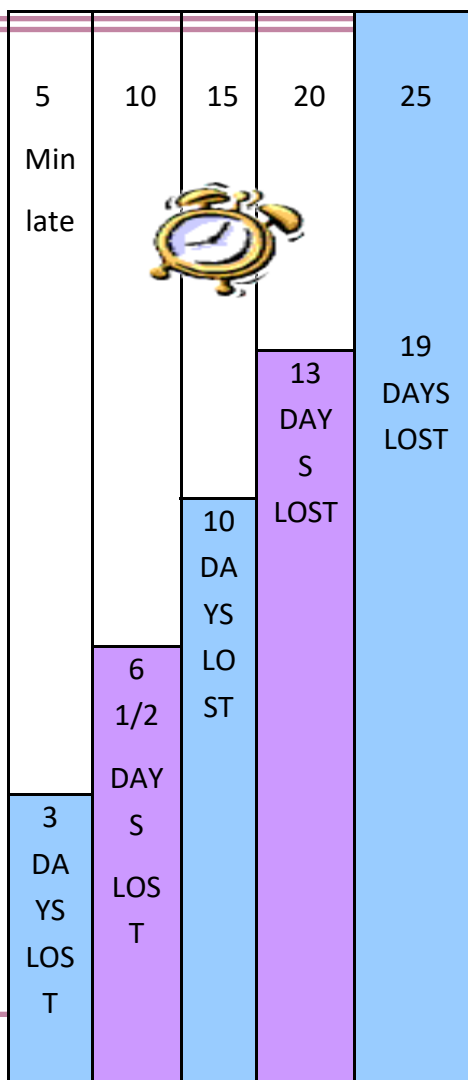
15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year!

Absence

6 sessions of absence equates to 12 lessons and 15 hours of learning missed!

DfE research state that pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

Unauthorised absences and lates are monitored by the local authority and can result in a fixed penalty fine.



Attendance Policy

Our policy has been developed to maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of high attendance and to build strong relationships with families to listen to & understand barriers to attendance & work with families to remove barriers.

To combat persistent absenteeism, for attendance below 90%, if you have 3 periods of absence in a three week period or an absence of 5 days we may ask for medical evidence to authorise this absence.

You can view our Policy on the school website. Or click on the link xxxxxx

Support



As a setting we are here to support you and your family.

If you are having difficulty in getting your child to school, have anything you wish to discuss with us or require support with please do not hesitate to contact school via the contact details above.

We really want to work with you to strive for the best possible attendance for all of our pupils in school.

We know that this has been a difficult time for everyone and we really appreciate the way that you all continue to support our school values- resilience, responsibility, respect and engagement.

Colds, Sickness and Diarrhoea

It's that time of year when coughs and colds are everywhere.

If your child is feeling under the weather with your permission we can administer Calpol.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea please keep them at home for 24hrs.

If it is both sickness & diarrhoea 48hrs.

Please be reassured we follow a rigorous hand-washing practice in school.

Hand sanitisers are outside every classroom and around central parts of school.

