

TOP TIPS

(TO HELP YOU GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME)

1. Pack **School bags** the night before.
2. Check that they have everything that they need: **books, PE kit, dinner money, letters etc.** the night before.
3. Make sure their **uniform and PE kit is ready**, especially after weekends and holidays
4. Ensure that they get to bed at a reasonable time so that they have a **good night's sleep**.
5. **Set an alarm clock** so that you can all wake up in plenty of time to get ready properly for school.
6. Encourage them to **eat breakfast**.
7. Set off for school in plenty of time to allow for traffic; **punctuality is important**.



DID YOU KNOW?

CHILDREN CAN FEEL **EMBARRASSED** WHEN THEY ENTER THE CLASSROOM **LATE** AND IT DOES DISRUPT THE LEARNING **OF OTHERS**.

IT IS THE **SCHOOL**, NOT THE PARENT, THAT DECIDES **WHETHER** OR NOT TO AUTHORISE AN **ABSENCE**.

PROLONGED ABSENCE FROM **SCHOOL** CAN LEAD TO LONELINESS. IT CAN MAKE IT HARDER **FOR YOUR CHILD** TO GET ALONG WITH **CHILDREN AND OTHER FRIENDS**.

LONG MEAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



EVERYDAY
COUNTS...
SCHOOL SUCCESS
STARTS WITH
ATTENDANCE!



ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES:

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school regularly and on time.

The school year is made up of 190 days.

How much education has your child missed?

95%	=	9.5 days
90%	=	19 days
85%	=	28.5 days
80%	=	38 days
75%	=	47.5 days
70%	=	57 days

If your child has less than 90% attendance, they will be classed as a persistent absentee.

Research shows that of those young people who have less than 90% attendance, fewer than 30 of them achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grade C or higher.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL AND YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER THEY COULD BE IN SCHOOL—RING AND TALK IT THROUGH WITH THE STAFF.

ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL:

- ILLNESS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.
- MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS THAT COULD NOT BE ARRANGED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OR AFTER SCHOOL HOURS.



UNACCEPTABLE REASONS :

- NOT RETURNING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL AFTER A DENTAL OR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.
- OVERSLEPT
- NO UNIFORM
- BIRTHDAY
- CAR HAS BROKEN DOWN
- FAMILY HOLIDAY



There are 175 non-school days a year! Plenty of time for family time, visits, holidays, shopping trips and other appointments.

If your child needs a medical appointment try and make it during one of these 175 days. If that is not possible then make the appointment before or after school.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE PUNCTUAL?

PERSISTENT LATENESS CAN BE LEGALLY COUNTED AS UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE WHICH CAN:

- cause disruption to the rest of the class;
- cause embarrassment to the child;
- make it harder for the child to settle as they have missed vital instructions;
- being 15 minutes late each day during an entire school year is the same as missing 2 whole weeks of school.

HE/SHE IS ONLY JUST MISSING	THAT EQUALS...	WHICH IS ...
10 MINS PER DAY	50 MINS PER WEEK	NEARLY 1.5 WEEKS PER YEAR
20 MINS PER DAY	1 HOUR 40 MINS PER WEEK	OVER 2.5 WEEKS PER YEAR
30 MINS PER DAY	1/2 A DAY PER WEEK	4 WEEKS PER YEAR
1 HOUR PER DAY	1 DAY PER WEEK	8 WEEKS PER YEAR

REMEMBER, 100% ATTENDANCE IS ACHIEVED BY MANY PUPILS. IT CAN BE DONE!