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In our most recent pupil survey, 100% of pupils said that they were happy to come to school and we feel that our attendance figures reflect this.

Why is attendance so important?

Research evidence indicates clearly that the more regularly a child attends school, the more they will learn and achieve. Children spend approximately only 18% of their week at school therefore ***every minute counts***.

	% attendance	How much school missed
Attending school every day	= 100% attendance	
Attending $4\frac{1}{2}$ days a week	= 90% attendance	= 4 weeks missed per year
Attending 4 days a week	= 80% attendance	= more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.
Attending $3\frac{1}{2}$ days each week	= 70% attendance	= more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Arriving Late for School

Our school day starts promptly at 8:55am. If a child arrives between 8:55am and 9:15am they will be marked as late on the register. If your child arrives after 9:15am, when the registers have closed, this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Being late reduces valuable learning time; ***every minute counts***:

- If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss approximately three days of learning each year.
- If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss approximately 2 weeks of learning each year.

Illness and appointments

We fully appreciate that pupils are at times absent due to genuine reasons such as personal ill health and medical and dental appointments. If possible, please try to arrange any appointments at the end of the school day or during the school holidays.

Parent/carer and school partnership

At Ashleigh, we are committed to providing your child with the best possible education and ensuring that they achieve their full potential. Please therefore support this school by ensuring your child attends school on time and regularly throughout the academic year.

Many thanks for your continued support.