



# Churchtown Chatter

Imagine... Believe... Achieve

Attendance Newsletter - 2017



Churchtown Primary overall school attendance currently is **96%**  
At Churchtown Primary School we aim for **100%** attendance for all children.

## The Law

Children of school age who are on roll at a school must, by law, attend school regularly and punctually.

Regular attendance is important, not just because the law requires it but also because it is the best way of ensuring children make the most of the educational opportunities available to them.

The regulations make it clear that parents do not have any automatic right or entitlement to take a child out of school.

**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



At Churchtown we believe that good attendance is central to a pupil attaining well and making the best possible progress. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and are at school, on

time, every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is absolutely unavoidable. Any pupil's absence or regular late arrival will undoubtedly impact negatively on their learning and progress.

### Attendance is Important!

Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.

Pupils with regular attendance make better progress, both socially and academically. Pupils with regular attendance find school routines and school work easier to cope with. Pupils with regular attendance have an easier transfer to secondary school, having developed positive habits in attending school every day.

### Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery and Reception we encourage the children to have good attendance because this establishes routines at a young age which will set them up for their future. There is crucial learning taking place in Early Years and having time off can mean that children will have gaps in their knowledge and understanding, as well as making friendships .

## Medical Conditions and Attendance

If your child has a medical condition which affects their attendance there are ways in which this can be managed in collaboration with school.

- For complex medical conditions which require regular medication a care plan will be required.
- When antibiotics are prescribed to be taken **four** times a day, we ask that a parent/family member comes into school to administer the medicine. However if this cannot be arranged the medicine can be administered by school staff. A form for this must be obtained from the office and completed in order for us to be able to administer medication.
- If your child is suffering from an infectious illness further information regarding exclusion periods can be obtained by telephoning the school office on 01704 508 500.

10 minutes late every day = 33 missed hours of learning



### Being on Time Matters Too!



School begins at 8.50am. If your child arrives after 8.55am they must go to the school office to register. Y1, Y2 and Early Years children must be accompanied by their parents to the office to sign them in.

We will be recording late arrivals and parents will be asked to come in and discuss this if their child is persistently late for school. If your child is late it can lead to missed learning, an unsettled day and disrupts the learning of all the other children too.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

Attendance During one school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately	Which means the number of lessons missed
94%	10 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons



### Celebrating Great Attendance at Churchtown Primary School



**We reward excellent attendance through;**

Awarding individual certificates and stickers

Weekly Attendance Champions

Attendance Champion whole class rewards

For those children and families who work hard to improve their attendance there are individualised rewards.

Imagine  
with all  
your mind.  
Believe  
with all  
your heart.  
Achieve  
with all  
your might.



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