

**SCHOOL GATES
OPEN 8:45AM
CLOSE 9:00AM**



If all starts with... **ATTENDANCE!**

WHY IS ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL SO IMPORTANT?

Attendance makes the biggest difference to a child's education. If a child attends school, **they learn new knowledge; they gain new skills; they make friends; they gain confidence; they understand the world more; they experience more** and **they have fun!** *Excellent attendance is considered as anything above 95%. This table shows how much of their education children miss based on their percentage attendance:*



How do we encourage good attendance?

Certificates and Rewards for the class with the best attendance every week.

Certificates for those children with 100% attendance over a half term, term and a full year.

Prize draw every half term for those children with 'Perfect' attendance (no absence/no late marks).

Attendance displays celebrate the achievements of the whole school, classes and individuals.

Celebrate good attendance with our whole school community through social media and letters

All staff in school will recognise and reward children for having excellent attendance and/or improving their attendance

How do we support Children to attend school?

1. We monitor children's attendance closely and, if a child's attendance is not at the expectation, we will contact you to offer support.

2. Offer Wellbeing Coffee Mornings where parents and carers can seek support and guidance.

3. We offer support through our pastoral teams.

4. If children are unexpectedly absent, we make home visits to offer support.

5. We inform families if we have concerns about attendance with a Blue, White, Yellow or Red Letter.

6. Parents and Carers may receive fines in line with Wigan Local Authority Policy and the attendance policy of St. David Haigh & Aspull.