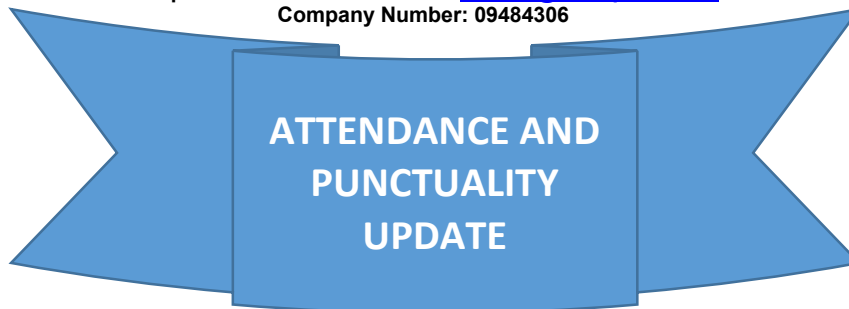




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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start a new school year, we would like to share an important update regarding attendance and punctuality across our schools. Regular school attendance is not only vital for academic success but also for supporting children's wellbeing and social development. Studies consistently show that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to meet academic targets and form positive peer relationships. Every day truly counts — together, we can ensure all pupils have the opportunity to thrive.

How You Can Help Your Child:

- ✓ Book appointments outside of school hours whenever possible
- ✓ Maintain consistent morning routines and bedtimes
- ✓ Only keep children home when they are **SIGNIFICANTLY** unwell

When your child is late for school during the school year:

When pupils are late, teachers have to interrupt the lessons to potentially help the late pupil to catch up, disrupting the learning momentum for the entire class. Late pupils miss out on instruction and may struggle to keep up with their peers, requiring teachers to provide additional support to pupils who have missed significant portions of instruction. It can lead to gaps in a pupil's understanding of concepts, making it difficult for them to keep up with the curriculum and potentially impacting their academic performance. Pupils may also experience increased stress and anxiety, potentially leading to negative behaviour and impacting their overall well-being.



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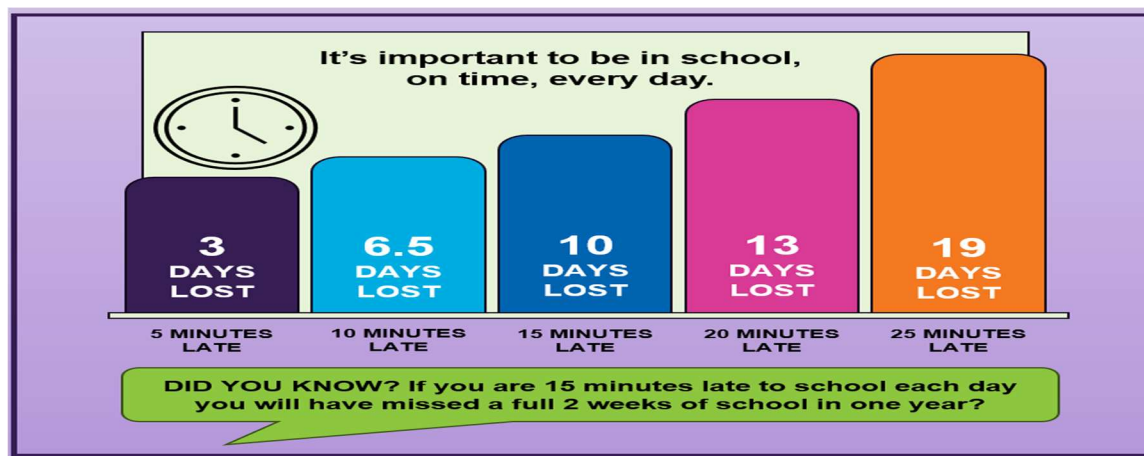
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If pupils are late, learning is lost:



Supporting Children’s Right to an Education (Article 28 UNCRC):

School attendance and punctuality is so important there is a legal framework around children’s right to an education. We all need to support them in achieving this. Sadly, on occasions we have had to resort to using the legal framework to make sure children’s right to an education is upheld. Last academic year, across TEACH Trust, legal action has resulted in 88 Fixed Penalty Notices being issued and 35 prosecutions undertaken. The consequences of prosecutions has resulted in a parent being fined £1029 for repeated unauthorised holidays, £1219 for repeated non-school attendance including poor punctuality, a warrant for arrest being issued for failure to appear in court and £1174 for trying to evade legal action through elective home education and lack of medical evidence. We hope that by working with you we can improve on this in this academic year.

Attendance Overview (as of July 2025):

Our schools are performing well and we are immensely proud, however, we remain below our trust-wide target attendance of 97%. **Whilst attendance of 90% might sound high, this is actually equal to half a day of absence every school week, 4 weeks of absence in the academic year and a 1 full year of missed education throughout a pupil’s time at school.**

Teach Trust- Target Attendance: 97%			
School	Attendance Year	School	Attendance Year
Ad Astra Infant School	95%	Haymoor Junior School	95%
Canford Heath Infant School	96%	Canford Heath Junior School	96%

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote the importance of attendance and punctuality. Working together, we can make a lasting difference in our pupils' futures.



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