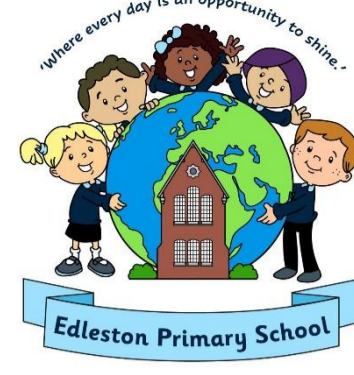




Child Friendly Attendance Policy



Why is good attendance important?

At our school, "good attendance is essential so that we don't miss out on important learning."

How do we reward good attendance?

Individual Attendance

We have random 'Hot Spot' Days throughout the year – sometimes there might be 2 in a week! If you are in on this day your name will put in the Gold Box. On a Friday if your name is randomly selected we will celebrate your attendance and you win a prize for your whole class. Sometimes Miss Goldsmith and Mrs T might dress up as Batman and Robin on these days – look out for them!

Superhero Class Attendance

Each week in Celebration Assembly, the class with the highest attendance receives an extra playtime. We watch a Powerpoint and see which Superhero saves the day! If a class has 1005 attendance Miss Goldsmith will treat them to chocolate biscuits.

I Shine; I'm On Time Award

Each week in Star Assembly, children who have come to school on time every day are drawn from a hat and the winners receive a certificate and a sticker.

RAINBOW RULES

Smile!

Use 'please' and 'thank you.'

Offer to help.

Be polite

Hold the door.

Say 'Hello!'

Pay a compliment.

This policy was developed by our Attendance Ambassadors children.

Every Day Counts



The cloakroom doors open at 8.35am and the register is taken at 8.45am. You must be in the classroom for your teacher to mark you in the register as present.

What are the consequences for poor attendance?

It is ok to be ill or have an appointment which means that you cannot attend school but if you have lots of time off then you are missing out on important learning.

If you attend school for less than 94% of the time then Mrs Green will be monitoring your attendance. Your grown-ups at home might receive a phone call or a letter to remind them of your attendance score. If your attendance doesn't improve then a home visit might be arranged to find out why you are not attending school regularly. It is the law that you must attend school regularly.

If you are ill or unable to attend school for a different reason then your grown-up must telephone school to let us know why you are absent. Mrs Green listens to the messages and if we haven't received a message then she will phone to find out why you're not in school. If there is no answer you may get a visit by staff to your house.

The number your grown-up should ring to tell school that you are going to be absent is 01270 910325.

Does Attendance really matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If you miss...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of your school life that's...
½ a day per week	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Does being late really matter?

How about 10 minutes a day? Surely that won't matter!

If you miss just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of your school life that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1hr 40mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	½ a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years