School 4 attendance & your child

> A Guide for Parents & Carers

what is Ewell Grove's view on attendance?



Under the **Education Act of 1996**, 'the parent is responsible for making sure their child receives a full-time education. If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence.' Failure to ensure a child receives their educational needs results in a series of fines and prosecutions for the parent.



We believe, and research shows, that children who attend school regularly are given the greatest opportunity to learn, develop their skills and to thrive.

Children who frequently miss school are less likely to achieve their full potential.

The more time a child spends around other children, whether in the classroom or as part of a school team or club, the more chance they have of making friends and feeling included, boosting social skills, confidence and selfesteem.

All of these skills contribute to ensuring every child is able to discover confidence, develop independence and build resilience so that each individual child realises their own unique value and can thrive both in our community and beyond.

Child with NO absence compared to child who has less than 90% attendance

Did wou know?



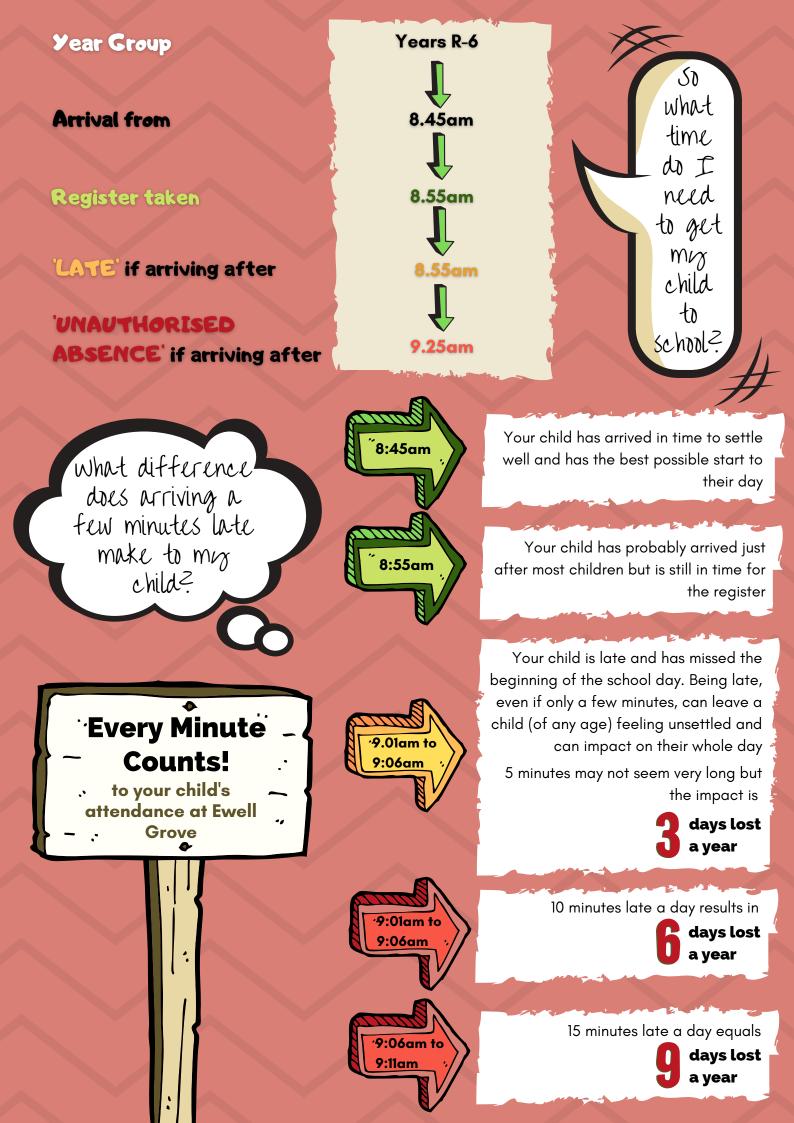
times more likely to achieve age-related expectations or

above



times more likely to achieve greater depth

Figures taken from DfE report March 2016



We know children get sick and parents often ask 'what is too sick for school?' Here are a few guidelines to help you make a decision as often children can still come to school even if they are feeling a little under the weather.

Be assured, your child's welfare is our priority and if we think your child is too unwell for school we will call for you to collect them.





I have a runny nose or just a little cough

My throat's a little sore but I'm managing with some medicine to help me

My temperature is normal

I haven't been sick or had any diarrhoea in the last 48 hours





I have a high temperature that can't be reduced by taking medicine

I'm being sick or have diarrhoea or I have done in the last 48 hours

Bring your child to school every day

Contact school on the first day your child is ill

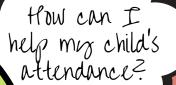
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Make medical appointments out of school hours

Take holidays during the school holidays

We understand that illness might not be the only reason for a child's absence. There are ways parents and school can work together to make sure your child can have good attendance - just come and speak

to us!



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Contact a member of staff if you are having problems getting your child to school Does my child
need to be
absent from school?

It can be difficult to know if a particular illness means your child has to be absent from school. Below we list the most **common illnesses** your child may have and what to do using advice from the Public Health Agency.

Sometimes your child may have a sore throat or slight temperature that is easily solved by taking some Calpol. Our school office is able to give your child Calpol during the school day to enable them to attend school.

Illness	MUST my child be kept off school?	How long for?
Chickenpox		Until new spots stop appearing and they have all crusted over
Hand, foot & mouth		Your child can come to school even if not all blisters have healed
Impetigo		Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics
Ringworm		Anti-fungal cream treatment can take place outside of school hours
Slapped Cheek		No longer infectious by the time the rash appears so can come to school if feeling well
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting		48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Influenza ('flu')		Until feeling better
Conjunctivitis		If your child's eyes are just sore and red but not weepy they can still come to school.
Head lice		Any live lice can be treated outside of school hours
Tonsillitis		Your child's glands can be swollen but still come to school if they otherwise feel well