

Are you having problems getting your child to school for any of these reasons?

- Won't get out of bed in the morning
 - Won't go to bed at night
 - Can't find their uniform or book bag
 - Too slow at eating breakfast or won't eat at all
 - Watching television or too much screen time
 - Being worried about home or school work
 - It's their birthday
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If so, a set routine can help:

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Get their uniform and bag ready the night before
- Work out the best time of day to do homework together. For many children this can be before school.
- Speak about school positively
- Let the class teacher know if your child has a problem or worry
- Be firm, send your child to school on birthdays and last days of term.

Where can I get help?



Mr Inskip is the Assistant Head Teacher and Special Educational Needs coordinator. You can speak to him in confidence about the problems you may be having and work together to find a solution.

To make an appointment with Mr Inskip, contact the office or he is often in the playground before and after school. You can also ask your class teacher and Mr Inskip will call you back.

Improved attendance will improve attainment and achievement. We can work together to ensure this happens for your child.



Lateness

Being late for school can:

- Disrupt lessons
 - Affect children's achievement, regardless of their academic ability
 - Embarrass or upset your child
 - Cause your child unnecessary stress and worry
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Being late for school on a regular basis adds up to loss of learning:

5 minutes late every day =

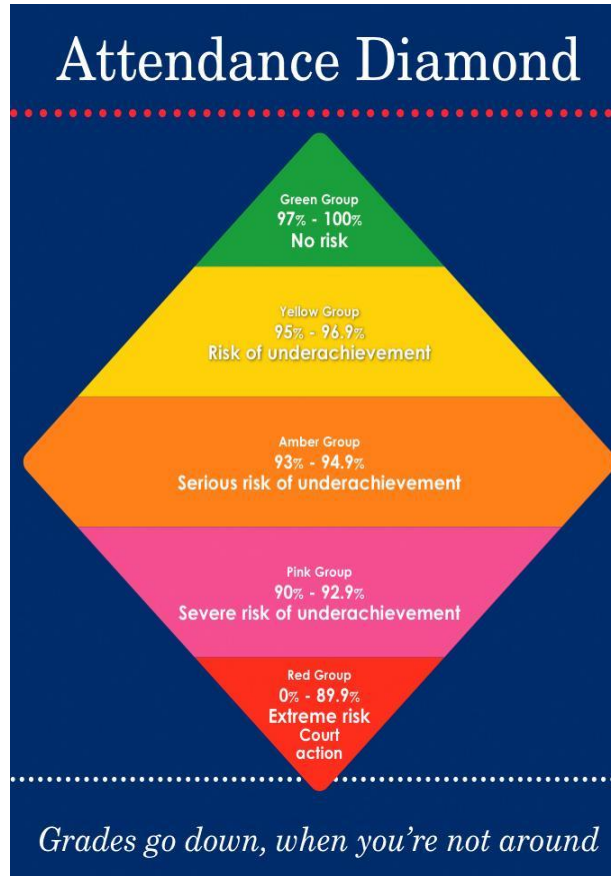
3 days lost each year or

A month of education

Why is regular attendance important?

Research and statistics show that regular school attendance can give your child the opportunity to learn more, broaden their social network and be happier in school and out.

An 80% attendance is the equivalent of 1 day off a week or missing 2 terms in year 5 and the whole of year 6



result in a fine of £60 per child per parent. This equates to 8 missed sessions over 10 weeks (each session is half a day). If the fine isn't paid, it can result in parents being taken to court by Bristol City Council and a maximum fine of £2,500 and/or three months in prison.

Remember to call us at the start of the day if your child is too sick to attend and keep us updated regularly

Prolonged absence from school can lead to children feeling left out, lonely and anxious which impacts them as adults.

Keeping children away from school without authorisation is a criminal offence and can