

Handford Hall Attendance and Punctuality in a nutshell

We all agree that we want the best opportunities for our children and to do that we need to give them the best start.

Last year in England 80% of Year 6 children who did not achieve the expected standard in their Reading, Writing and Maths had attendance **below 95%**, meaning they on average missed **10 or more days of school a year**.

Research shows that children with school attendance **96% and above** are more likely to achieve their expected goals for GCSEs. It is our joint responsibility to ensure that we make the right choices when it comes to school attendance.


<p>One day won't hurt.....</p>	<p>Missing one day can lead to children missing a chunk of learning that builds over the week causing them to fall behind as they do not understand the next step or can't make learning links.</p> <p>That can affect not only the learning of the week but can also affect a child's confidence and self-belief.</p> <p>Friendships can also move on leaving your child with a low self-esteem.</p>
<p>Authorized absence</p>	<p>What are acceptable reasons for absence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illness – where your child is medically unfit for school. This may include high temperature, severe headaches etc. If your child's condition can be treated with Calpol or Ibuprofen (or antibiotics) and they are well enough to travel, play in the park or on their computer, then they are able to come to school. • Emergency dental and medical appointments that cannot be rearranged – evidence of medical appointments may be asked for. • 1 day of religious observance per year – this will only be authorized if the day of observance is a recognized one and the religion matches their religion for your child on our system.

FACT! Children and families have 175 days in the year when they are not at school - this is plenty of time to go on trips, visit family and friends and book appointments such as regular dentist check ups.



Good attendance and punctuality are traits all employers will look for in a candidate.

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	<p>Can we take holidays during term time or go and visit our families?</p> <p>I am afraid the simple answer is 'no'. Following Government guidance, schools cannot authorize any visits or holidays during term time.</p> <p>There is no legal entitlement to holidays during term time and these will automatically be classed as unauthorized.</p>
<p>Unauthorized absence</p>	<p>What are unacceptable/unauthorized reasons for an absence?</p> <p>See examples below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No contact from families to explain absence• Days off because another sibling has a PD Day at their school• Birthdays, day trips out, overnight stays or visits to other family members• Parent or other siblings feeling unwell• Extended holidays both abroad and in this country• Minor illnesses that can be treated with Calpol or Ibuprofen (which can be administered at school). For example: sore throat, toothache, earache, mild headache etc.)• Tiredness due to lack of sleep• Late drop offs• Visits to home countries to renew passports (can be renewed in the UK)• Visits to home countries for medical purposes• Visits to home countries due to 'a problem back at home'• Bad weather (too hot, rain, snow etc.)
<p>Punctuality</p>	<p>Punctuality is key to starting each day well.</p> <p>At Handford Hall school gates open at 8.30 am and shut at 8.40 am. All children should be at school before 8.40 am every morning.</p>
<p>Why is being on time important?</p>	<p>Being punctual shows your respect for others and their time. Learning starts from the moment children enter the school.</p> <p>If children arrive late, many feel awkward as everyone else is already settled. They may have missed important announcements about the day or key information that helps them get ready, meaning they are behind before they even start. It</p>

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	<p>causes unnecessary stress and can cause pupils to become emotional and not feel part of the class.</p> <p>Being late is also disruptive for the teacher in the classroom as they have to repeat instructions or need to help settle pupils, taking time away from other pupils who are already settled and have started the learning process.</p>
Routines at home	<p>Have a routine Make sure everything is ready the night before and that you get up at a time that give your enough time to get up and have breakfast.</p> <p>Early bed every night is very important.</p> <p>Traffic Make sure you give yourself time to be at school on time. Turning up 10 minutes late every day isa real problem as over a year this becomes 30 hours of lost learning time.</p> <p>Check traffic updates if you live outside our catchment area.</p>

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

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Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance