

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Attendance Newsletter

January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we put great emphasis on our legal and moral duty to promote good attendance for our children. Children who come to school regularly and on time make good progress in their learning. We want all our children to achieve to the best of their potential and they cannot do this if they are not in school learning every day.

If you have any concerns about your child's enthusiasm for school, their health, friendships or learning support please contact us. We often find that a joint approach can be supportive and beneficial for children and parents. As well as school staff, we can also look for support from our partners in the school nursing service, locality team and other professionals.

We classify good attendance as 96%+. That is our aim for all children. Children who have good attendance at school flourish socially, emotionally and academically.





#EVERYDAYCOUNTS

2020-21 Term Dates and INSET Days.

We hope that the advance notice helps and supports our families to plan their holidays and avoid term holiday requests. We have specifically allocated days either side of October half term, so this becomes an 11-day holiday.

1 st September 2020	INSET Day (Staff Only)
2 nd September 2020	INSET Day (Staff Only)
3 rd September 2020	School starts for all children
22 nd October 2020	Children break up for half term
23 rd October 2020	INSET Day (Staff only)
Half Term 26th October – 30th October 2020	
2 nd November 2020	INSET Day (Staff only)
3 rd November 2020	School starts for all children
18 th December 2020	Children break up for Christmas holiday
Christmas Break 21st December - 1st January	
4 th January 2021	INSET Day (Staff only)
5 th January 2021	School starts for all children
12 th February	Children break up for half term
Half Term break 15th – 19th February 2021	
22 nd February 2021	School starts for all children
26 th March 2021	Children break up for Spring break
Spring Break 29th March - 9th April	
12 th April 2021	School starts for all children
28 th May 2021	Children break up for half term
Half Term Break 31st May – 4th June	
7 th June	School starts for all children
20 th July	Children break up for the Summer Break

Understanding Your Percentage Attendance

100%	0 days missed	Fantastic attendance!	
99%	2 days missed	Well done—you are at or above the School Target	
98%	4 days missed		
97%	6 days missed		
96%	8 days missed	At 96% and below you are just below target—make sure you do not miss any more days	
95%	10 days missed		
94%	12 days missed		
93%	14 days missed	At 93% and below your attendance is becoming worryingly low.	
92%	16 days missed		
91%	18 days missed		
90%	19 days missed	At 90% and below you are Persistently Absent—school will support you and your family to help this improve	
89%	21 days missed		
88%	23 days missed		
87%	25 days missed		
86%	27 days missed		
85%	29 days missed		

Make every school day count!

How lateness can affect learning.







MINUTES LATE EACH DAY	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS/WEEKS MISSED IN A YEAR
If you are late by the number of minutes below each and every day...	...this is how much learning time you will have missed, by the end of the year.
5 minutes	3 school days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	13 days
30 minutes	19 days

Please be aware:

If you arrive after 9.00am you will be given a late mark on the register.

If you arrive after 9.30am, your late mark becomes an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

Make every minute count!

 <p>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A <i>FLYING START!</i></p>	 <p>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</p>	 <p>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</p>	<p>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>Improves reading</p> <p>Writing + MATHS SKILLS</p>
 <p>THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</p>	 <p>100s OF SUBJECTS 1000s OF CLASSES ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</p>	 <p>TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!</p>	<p>MORE SCHOOL =</p> <p>HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE</p>