

How to inform the school



There are lots of ways to let school know that your child will be absent. The school should know on the first day's absence.

- Telephone and speak to us in school



02890 457089

- Send a message on Seesaw to the class teacher



- Email the school



info@eustonstreetbelfast.ni.sch.uk

- Complete a First Day's Absence form available from the school office



- Send in a note when your child returns



- Inform the school Parent Liaison, Mrs Killops

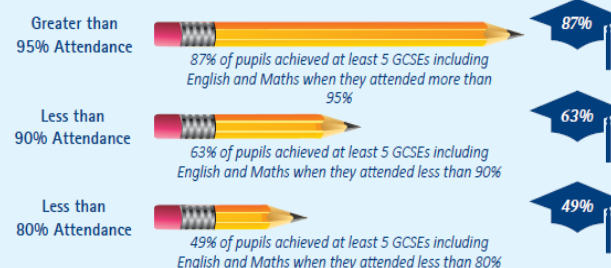


EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed

CAN ATTENDANCE MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO EXAM RESULTS?



If you wish to speak to us at school about how we can help support you with your child's attendance, please ring 02890457089, use the reply slip below and send back to the class teacher/school office or email (info@eustonstreetbelfast.ni.sch.uk) The school liaison officer may also contact you to offer support. We do better if we work in partnership together. Thank you.

Article 28—You have the right to a good quality education.



www.eustonstreetps.co.uk



Attendance Matters!

'Achieving Excellence Together'

Information for parents
www.eustonstreetps.co.uk

Dear parent/guardian

Thank you for taking time to read the Attendance Matters leaflet. We are working together, in partnership, for your child. One of the areas we partner in, is your child's attendance.

The expected attendance of pupils in school **each month** is **95% - 100%**.

95% - 100% is considered **good** attendance

86% - 94% is considered **poor** attendance

85% and lower is considered **very poor**

When your child is in school with good attendance level, it means that they will have the best opportunity to make the expected improvements in their learning and attainment. Good attendance also means that pupils will have the greatest wellbeing support. Please see other leaflets and policies on Positive Behaviour, Wellbeing and Healthy Lifestyle. It is now very important that you as the parent/carer ensure that your child has good attendance. The evidence is clear that pupils with good attendance generally make better progress in school.



How parents can help!

Parents have the most impact on their child's attendance. School work to support you to make sure that your child comes to school on a regular basis and is an attendance HERO! (Here Everyday Ready On time). Below are other ways you can best support your child's attendance.

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
 - Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
 - Ensure your child arrives at school on time - not late.
 - Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
 - Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness - this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
 - If your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk - Who are they with? What are they doing?
 - Do not take family holidays during term time.
 - Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homeworks).
 - Attend parents evenings and school events.
 - Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
 - Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Key Point**

Parents of children aged 4-16 who are enrolled in school are legally required to make sure they attend.

Key Point: Parents of children under the age of 16 are legally required to make sure they attend!

Good or poor attendance?

95% - 100% is considered **good** attendance.

86% - 94% is considered **poor** attendance.

85% and lower is considered **very poor**.

'90% attendance means that a child is missing half a day of lessons every week. • In a single year this would mean a child has missed four whole weeks. • Over five years it means that a child has missed half a school year, or one and a half terms.' DENI Monitoring Attendance 27/01/2023'

How school will support...

We will keep you informed about your child's attendance in these ways:

- Friday weekly care call from school Parent Liaison
- Notes home/ Seesaw messages/email
- Parent teacher meetings
- Letters/ calls/ attendance meetings
- Family counselling

