



# PARENTS INFORMATION UPDATE

December 2019

# ATTENDANCE—WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Edith Cavell Primary School is committed to giving our pupils the best education available. This is why we want to highlight to all parents the link between good attendance and education achievement. Our aim is to promote regular attendance and good punctuality in order to ensure all students their achieve potential.

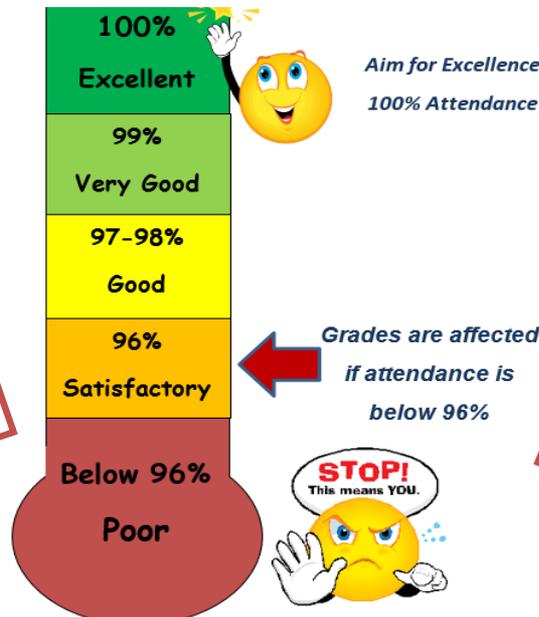
# ATTENDANCE

- 90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week
- (Would your boss like you to be off work so much?)
  - That's practically part-time!
- 1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED !!!

## ATTENDANCE

95% over 5 years  
= 1/4 a year missed!

90% over 5 years  
= 1/2 a year missed!



85% over 5 years  
= 3/4 year missed!

80% over 5 years  
= 1 whole year missed!

# ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

- ⦿ A reminder to parents that all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 **MUST** be accompanied to school **EVERY** morning. This means to the school door. Their supervision on the playground each morning is parents responsibility.
- ⦿ If you drive to school, please ensure that you park considerately, are observing road marking and abiding by the highway code.
- ⦿ The school has received complaints since the start of this term about parents blocking driveways and paths when parking to drop off or collect their children.



# WAYS FOR PARENTS TO PROMOTE REGULAR ATTENDANCE

- **Phone School** as soon as possible as to the reason why your child is absent from school and when you expect them to return to school or we will phone you later to follow up.
- Putting the school number in your phone it will save you time.
- **Only grant days** at home for genuine illness (you will know!) Send them to school and if they are really ill we will send them home.
- **Miracle Recovery**—If your child improves after the school day has started we are happy for you to bring them into school at anytime during the day.



# Days off school add up to lost learning

## 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

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DAYS ABSENCE  
(190 school days)

**100%**

EXCELLENT  
ATTENDANCE

*Best chance of SUCCESS*

6

DAYS ABSENCE  
OR MORE

**96.99%**

SATISFACTORY  
ATTENDANCE

*Harder to make good  
progress*

15

DAYS ABSENCE  
OR MORE

**92.99%**

REQUIRES  
IMPROVEMENT

*Less chance of success*

19

DAYS ABSENCE  
OR MORE

**Below**

**90%**

Persistent Absentee

CAUSE FOR  
CONCERN

*Serious concern  
Possible Court Action!*

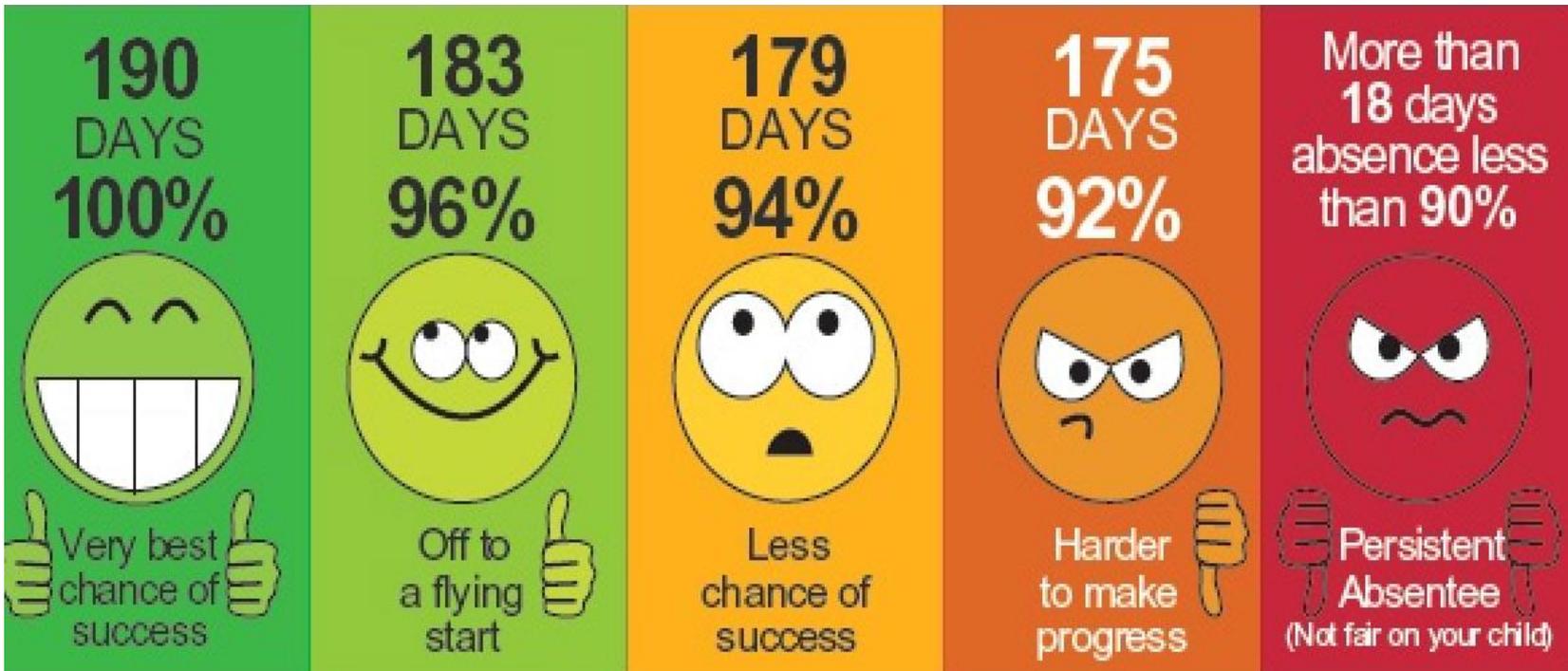
# WAYS FOR PARENTS TO PROMOTE REGULAR ATTENDANCE

- **Avoid taking holidays** in term time they will not be authorised.
- **Avoid Medical/Dental Appointments** in term time where possible—book well in advance
- **Know the routine** of the day to avoid issues e.g. have they got their PE kit and everything they need for the day
- **Concerns for the day** if your child is worried about coming to school for any reasons talk to a member of staff and we will try and help

# HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

- ◉ No requests for holidays in term time will be approved.
- ◉ Leave of absence, for up to ten school sessions (5 days), may be granted in exceptional circumstance, **but not for a holiday.**
- ◉ Any requests for leave of absence **must be made in advance** of the requested leave of absence. If the child has poor attendance, the child is often late for school, the request is around assessment periods or it is a second request, the request will not be authorised.

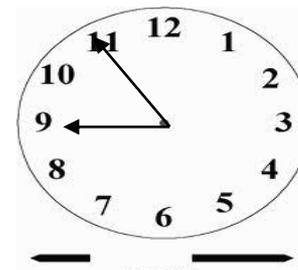
# ATTENDANCE IS REALLY IMPORTANT



Poor attendance at Primary school is proven to negatively affect a child's academic achievement at GCSE and beyond

# PUNCTUALITY

- ⦿ Please try to ensure that your child arrives at school before 8.55am. If they arrive after that time they are considered late.
- ⦿ Children can enter the classrooms from 8.45am. There are always learning activities set for this 10 minute slot in a morning.
- ⦿ By using this time we are adding nearly an hour of extra learning time.
- ⦿ If your child does not arrive at school until 9am they are missing over an hour of learning time each week.



# LATENESS AT THE START OF THE DAY



When a child arrives late at the start of the school day, it is very disruptive to their learning and the learning of their classmates.

Better late  
than never  
**But never late  
is better**



# Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



## 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...

<b>5 Minutes</b>	<b>3.5 Days from School</b>	<b>20 Lessons</b>
<b>10 Minutes</b>	<b>7 Days from School</b>	<b>41 Lessons</b>
<b>15 Minutes</b>	<b>10 Days from School</b>	<b>55 Lessons</b>
<b>20 Minutes</b>	<b>14.5 Days from School</b>	<b>82 Lessons</b>
<b>30 Minutes</b>	<b>22 Days from School</b>	<b>123 Lessons</b>

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

# GREET WITH A SMILE - NOT A PHONE



## **What is more important – your children or your mobile phone?**

The children have been in school all day so not spent time with you, show an interest in what they have been doing during the day. Set a good example - what they have got to say to you is important - so next time you want them to put down their device and do something, they can follow your example.

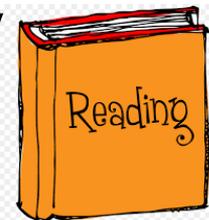
# READING

- ◉ Please, please remember that reading with and to your children is very beneficial.
- ◉ A short reading time every day can really help to improve your child's fluency.
- ◉ Asking your child questions about what they have read can help to improve their comprehension.
- ◉ Asking inference (*a guess that you make or an opinion that you form based on the information that you have*) questions can help to improve your child's reasoning.  
(*thinking about something in a logical and sensible way*)



# READING BOOKS

- ◉ We have had to throw away a number of Reading Books recently as they have been discovered to have been damaged beyond repair. Damage has included pages being ripped out, pages being defaced with pictures, writing or scribble and water damage from leaking water bottles.
- ◉ These damaged books have reduced our reading book stock and this may limit your child.
- ◉ We would ask all parents and carers to ensure that books are returned to school in good repair and that if a book is damaged this is brought to the attention of staff.
- ◉ The school does not have the funds to replace damaged reading books that have been wilfully damaged.



# TT ROCKSTARS

- Children in Y 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have access to this online resource to support the learning of and maintaining multiplication and division facts.
- <https://play.ttrockstars.com>
- Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 can access the same web site to support their knowledge and development of number bonds and subitising (*instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them*)
- If you have misplaced your child's log on please speak to your child's class teacher

TIMES TABLES  
ROCKSTARS

# ELIGIBILITY FOR FSM

- If you feel that your circumstances have changed and as a result your child may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) we would **STRONGLY** request that you complete the eligibility form in school. Even if you are only eligible for a short time, but register, the school receives vital extra funding for a number of years. We would also be able to offer you a reduction in the cost of school visits.

# PACKED LUNCHES

- Edith Cavell is a **NUT FREE ZONE**.
- Please ensure that there are no nuts included in packed lunches or snacks.
- Please remember to include a drink with your child's packed lunch.
- Your child's packed lunch should be a healthy meal balanced and therefore not include large amounts of chocolate
- If you are providing grapes as part of your child's packed lunch, or as a snack, please ensure that they are cut length ways to avoid the risk of choking.



# SCHOOL MILK

- All children under the age of 5 are entitled to free school milk. If your child would like to continue having milk after their fifth birthday it can be ordered through “Coolmilk” either via our school app or at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



# PARENTPAY

- ParentPay is the platform that we use as a school to
  - Send you emails and messages
- It is the way that parents can
  - Pay for school lunches
  - Book and pay for breakfast and after school club
  - Pay for school trips
- Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details to ensure that you receive messages, newsletters and information.
- If you do not yet have a ParentPay account please see the school office



ParentPay

# UNIFORM

Children are expected to wear the school's uniform. Uniform is based on the school's three colours - blue, grey and white.

For children with shoulder length or longer hair, this should be tied neatly back.

**Black sensible shoes, not trainers or fashion shoes, are required for both boys and girls (NO tall heels please).**

Item	Colour
Trousers, skirts, pinafores	Grey
Cardigans, pullovers with school logo	Royal Blue available from school
Shirts, blouses	White
Polo shirts	Plain white
Summer Dresses	Blue and White check

**All clothes should be clearly named**

# PE KITS

- Every child is required to have in school each day a full PE kit **including suitable shoes**. Over the last few months it has become clear that a number of children do not have appropriate footwear available for PE lessons. It is not suitable for children to wear their normal school shoes for PE lessons as these shoes are not designed to be worn in PE. They are not flexible enough.
- All children should come to school in black shoes and **NOT trainers**. Trainers and plimsolls are required for P.E. lessons and should be available to change into on P.E. days but should not be worn all day. Also, girls are not allowed to wear knee length boots in school. They can be very uncomfortable and make it very difficult for the girls to sit on the floor during assembly, carpet time etc. If they wear them to walk to school please ensure that you bring their school shoes with them to change in to.



# ON LINE

- While as a school we encourage children to access on line learning games that school have vetted and are age appropriate, we would strongly urge parents to ensure that children are not accessing blue screens, or devices for at least 30 minutes before they go to bed.
- Research has proved that not having access to devises, games consoles, phones, including TV's, for 30 minutes before they go to sleep will aid sleep.



# ON LINE

- ◉ Not having devices such as phones or games consoles in bedrooms after a certain time in the evening can significantly aid parental monitoring and safeguard the children.
- ◉ We would also strongly urge parents to monitor the games that their children are downloading and playing on line as well as who they are playing with and the language that is being used.



# ON LINE

- Parents looking for advice about monitoring on line activity or using parental controls can access information at <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

- The most recent copy of Digital Parenting magazine was sent home to every family earlier in the year.



- Another source of advice and information can be found at:- <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/>



# TO RECAP

- Having good attendance and being punctual to school supports your child's academic achievement.
- Please hear your children read regularly
- Please do not carry water bottles in book bags
- Every child has a personal log on to TT rockstars
- We are a **NUT** free school
- If your circumstances change your child may be eligible to Free school meals. Please check.
- Please use ParentPay to pay for trips, school dinners, breakfast and after school club **IN ADVANCE**
- Children should wear school uniform including correct footwear every day
- Children should have PE kits, including correctly fitting plimsolls or trainers, in school every day
- Please monitor on line activity, gaming and language
- No devices for 30 minutes before bedtime will aid sleep



# THANK YOU

And enjoy the show!

A copy of this Powerpoint can be found on  
the school website

[www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk](http://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk)

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For Parents

Newsletters and info