



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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'On Time, All Day, Every Day'
because
'Every Moment Matters'



ACADEMIC BENEFITS

Better learning –

Attending school every day means your child won't miss important teaching that builds their knowledge and skills.

Steady progress –

Regular attendance helps your child keep up with lessons so they can make consistent progress.

Opportunity for support –

Being in school ensures your child can get the help they need exactly when they need it.

Opportunity for challenge –

Good attendance allows your child to take on extra challenges that stretch their learning further.

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Being in school every day helps your child to build **strong relationships** with peers and adults.

Regular attendance grows your child's **sense of belonging** as part of the class and school community.

Daily routines give your child the chance to **enjoy shared experiences** with others.

Good attendance helps your child **develop confidence** in working and playing with their peers

WELLBEING BENEFITS

Coming to school regularly gives your child a **sense of pride and achievement**.

Routine helps children **feel secure and less anxious**, with a sense of normality.

Good attendance **builds your child's resilience and independence**.

Regular attendance helps to develop **positive attitudes towards learning and life**.



Regular Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's emotional health and wellbeing and their academic achievement.

Authorised Absences

Schools must only grant leave of absence for specific circumstances, set out in the Working Together to Improve School Attendance regulations:

- Taking part in a regulated performance or employment abroad
- Attending an interview / entrance exam
- Study leave
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable
- Educated offsite, in certain circumstances
- Exceptional circumstances

Working together to improve school attendance

Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities

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Penalty Charge Notices

Penalty charge notices apply in cases of unauthorised absences and periods of poor attendance.

What you need to know:

- £160 per parent, per child; £80 if paid within 21 days
- For a second offence within 3 years: £160 per parent per child, with no option for discount
- Penalty after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-week period. This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or different school years.
- Maximum of 2 penalties in 3 years per child. Further offences may lead to a £2500 penalty per parent per child, with possible Local Authority legal action through prosecution.

Late to School?



School registers close at 9.10am. Guidance states: **'If a pupil... arrives... after the register has closed, the attendance register must be amended to record them as absent using code U [unauthorised]...'** This means that children arriving between 9.10am and 1pm will be recorded as unauthorised, unless a different code is more appropriate.

We're Here to Support...

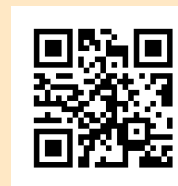


We are committed to fostering supportive, nurturing environments that prioritises the positive mental health and wellbeing of all. We want to reiterate that support is available to our children and their families.

St. Gregory's has a graduated approach to SEMH, drawing upon a range of resources, experts and professional support to help our children and families to thrive. We urge families to share any circumstances impacting pupil and/or family mental health and wellbeing, as well as concerns around attendance and punctuality.



School's chosen NHS-backed PSHE resource, which parents can use at home



Lumi Nova is an NHS-backed therapeutic game that helps children self manage worries and build resilience.



"SafeSpot helps young people develop coping strategies and access resources for MHWB."



Parenting 2000 provides targeted support for children and families.