

Attendance Facts



82.1% attendance = missing 34 days of school in one year. If your child has 80% attendance over the whole 11 year sat school, they will miss over TWO years of education!

If your child has 90% attendance over the whole 11 year sat school they will have missed one whole year 's education.

91.1% attendance = missing 17 days of school in one year.

If your child has 100% attendance they will be able to make the best of all opportunities available to them.

Holiday

In total there are 175 non -school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits and days out
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Attend routines appointments

The Education Regulations 2006 were amended in 2013. The amendments make it clear that Headteachers may NOT grant any leave of absence during term time.

This means holidays during term time cannot be authorised. If an unauthorised holiday is taken, this may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued by Nottingham City Council.

Penalty Notices

The school may request the Local Authority Attendance Team to impose a fixed penalty notice (fine) for the parents when the child has an unauthorised absence. Fines are currently £60 per parent, per child, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

If your child is absent for 20 days or more they will be taken OFF roll and you will need to re -apply to Nottingham City Council for a school place.

Penalty Notices are due to change in August 2024.



Attendance Leaflet

Here at Cantrell Primary School we are committed to ensuring that all of our children get the best possible start to life. One way we can do this is through regular attendance.

Children who come regularly to school all day every day usually.

- Learn better
- Make friends
- Are happier
- Have a brighter future

Elle Bagnall

Attendance Officer



The complete Attendance Policy is available from school, please ask the school office if you would like to read it in full.

Attendance affects achievement

Research shows that on average, higher attendance is associated with higher achievement. Research published by the Department for Education (DfE) suggests that children with poor attendance are more likely not to be in education, employment or training when they leave school.

Lateness has a negative impact

Being late can:

- X Disrupt lessons
- X Affect achievement
- X Embarrass / upset your child



Being late = Loss of learning

- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days lost each year
- 10 minutes = 6 days lost each year
- 15 minutes = 10 days lost each year
- 20 minutes = 13 days lost each year
- 30 minutes = 19 days lost each year

Being on time means not missing out!

Are you having problems getting your child to school for any of the following?

- They won't get out of bed in the morning.
- They won't go to bed at night.
- They can't find their uniform, books etc.
- They are slow to eat their breakfast.
- They are watching TV.
- They are worried about their work, or a problem with a friend.
- It's their birthday.

If so, setting a routine can help.

- ⇒ Have a set time to go to bed.
- ⇒ Have a set time to get up in the morning.
- ⇒ Have their uniform / bag ready the night before.
- ⇒ Have a set time for starting / finishing breakfast
- ⇒ Set a time for daily homework activities.
- ⇒ Always speak positively about school in front of your child. If you have a concern, share it with your child's class teacher.
- ⇒ Be firm, send your child to school everyday including their birthday and last day of term!

Children arriving late should sign in at the school office. Frequent lateness is a cause for concern and will be followed up by the school.

Monitoring Absence

If your child is absent from school, please ring the school office on 0115 915 5770

Ring on each day of absence.



or you can e-mail

attendance@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk and inform them of your child's name, class and reason for absence.

Cantrell Primary School monitors children's attendance weekly / termly and works closely with parents to ensure attendance is as high as possible. We always inform

parents if attendance falls below 95%. Our Attendance Officer can support the families when and if they need help. If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you may be asked to attend a Parent Contract meeting.

A Parent Contract is an agreement between you, the parent or carer, and the school or Local Authority. It is a way for us, and the Local Authority to work together with yourself and your child to improve their attendance at school. The contract consists of an assessment of the issues which may be impacting on your child's attendance and an action plan to improve it.

Following the Parenting Contract Meeting you may receive a Formal Warning of a Penalty Notice.