

Attendance and Punctuality Matters

PUPILS with NO ABSENCE are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs 9 – 5 or equivalent

75% of PUPILS who have over 95% attendance achieve 5 or more GCSE passes

95% ATTENDANCE

10 whole days of school missed (2 weeks of learning)

90% ATTENDANCE

20 whole days of school missed (4 weeks of learning)

90% ATTENDANCE through school life is equal to a whole year of school missed!

Being LATE disturbs the whole class learning

Arriving 5 MINUTES LATE every day = 3 days lost each year

Arriving 10 MINUTES LATE every day = 19 days a year absent

175 Non School days in a Year

That's 175 days to book appointments, go on holiday, have family time and to go shopping

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY ARE IMPORTANT BEYOND LIFE AT SCHOOL

Celebrating Attendance at Thomas Adams School

Throughout the academic year we celebrate 100% attendance with competitions and prizes. Your child can achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold badge for each term that their attendance is 100%.



Academic Excellence in a caring environment

www.thomasadams.net 01939 237000



Thomas Adams School



Their Future
is in
your hands



GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Aim for 100% attendance for a better future



Get your child to school on time every day

There is a direct link between good school attendance and high levels of attainment.

Regardless of the reason, if your child is absent from school it will impact on their learning.

Parents/carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school on time every day.

Medical appointments

Should be booked outside of school hours, or as near to the start or end of school day as possible. This ensures that the amount of school time missed is kept to a minimum.

School will not authorise any time off school if medical evidence is not provided. Please send in hard copies of appointments, hospital letters etc. to the Attendance Office or email:

attendance@thomasadams.net

Too ill to attend school?

Children can attend school with minor ailments; toothache, headache, stomach ache, colds and sore throat. Over the counter medicines can be given before school. Medicines can also be brought into school if a parental agreement for medication is completed and signed. A copy of this can be found on the school website or obtained from the Medical Office.

If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness, speak to your school, your doctor or ask your pharmacist for advice.

Unauthorised Leave in Term Time (Holidays)

Children are not entitled to holidays in term time. Family holidays should be taken during school holiday periods. There are 175 non-school days in a year.

Requests for leave due to exceptional circumstances, which prevents the period of leave being taken during school holidays, must be made using the official Thomas Adams Request Form. This can be found on the school website or is available from the Attendance Office.

Fines of £120 per parent/carer will be issued where unauthorised leave is taken during term time.

Absence during term time

- Children must not be absent from school for:
 - Day Trips
 - Baby Sitting
 - Shopping
 - Parent/Carer or Sibling Illness
 - Birthdays

Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carers responsibility to notify the school if their child is absent. This should be done daily unless otherwise authorised with the Attendance Officer or Headteacher.

Absence should be reported on 01939 237000 or attendance@thomasadams.net, please state the full reason for absence.

Persistent absence

Any child with attendance below 92% regardless of the reason for absence is considered to be a persistent absentee. This equates to just 2 days off school a month.

Your Legal Responsibility

If your child does not attend school regularly, and their attendance falls below 94%, the Local Authority will take action against you. This can be through a fixed penalty notice (fine) or a summons to appear at Magistrates court.

What is a fixed Penalty Notice?

The 'Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003' introduced legislation for local authorities to issue fixed penalty notice fines to parents/carers of pupils who have unauthorised absences from school.

Support

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please speak to the Attendance Team, your child's Head of Year or their Form Tutor. We are here to support you and your child at all times.