



St Wilfrid's Catholic Academy

Attendance Newsletter Summer Term



Attendance Matters

The start of any term is a fresh start and the chance to build new habits. Attending school every day possible gives your child the best possible chance of success.

Attendance Rewards

- Weekly celebration recognition for the class with the best attendance
- Weekly achievement points for 100% attendance and for being on time
- Punctuality in classes (Daily ST WILFRID letter collection)

All children with 100% attendance will enjoy an educational visit at the end of the school year.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, you can talk to their class teacher, Mrs Green, or the school office. There is always someone to help.

Welcome to the Summer Term Attendance Newsletter. Here at St Wilfrid's, we want each and every one of our children to achieve the very best that they can. We know being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. We also know that attendance is very important for parents and so this newsletter will help parents to be clear about our attendance expectations, routines and processes.

But does it really matter if my child misses a few days of school? YES!

- 1) Children are 40% less likely to achieve the expected standard for their age if they do not attend school very regularly.
- 2) Regular school attendance helps children make good friendships
- 3) Friendships, learning and routine are all essential for good mental health and wellbeing

Our Attendance Procedures

At St Wilfrid's, we review the registers each day to identify which children are absent and why. This is why it is so important that you notify us of the reason for your child's absence. We also review the attendance of each child every week. Where children have been absent, we review the reasons for absence and identify any support which may be needed for the child. Mrs Green or a member of office staff may contact you to discuss your child's attendance.

Every Day Counts!

Notifying School of Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, please notify us by 9.30am each day. If your child is absent for more than one day, please contact us each day with an update. It is important that you tell us exactly what is wrong with your child; please do not say they are "ill" or "unwell".

Schools have a responsibility to ensure that children are safe and so, if we do not know why a child is absent, we will:

- Send a text message
- Telephone parents followed by other contacts if we do not get a reply
- Visit the family home if we are unable to make contact

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my **child off school?**

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

Absence Procedure

To report your child's absence either:

Email:

absence@stwilfridsnewman.co.uk
or Phone: 01782 235676

Leave of Absence

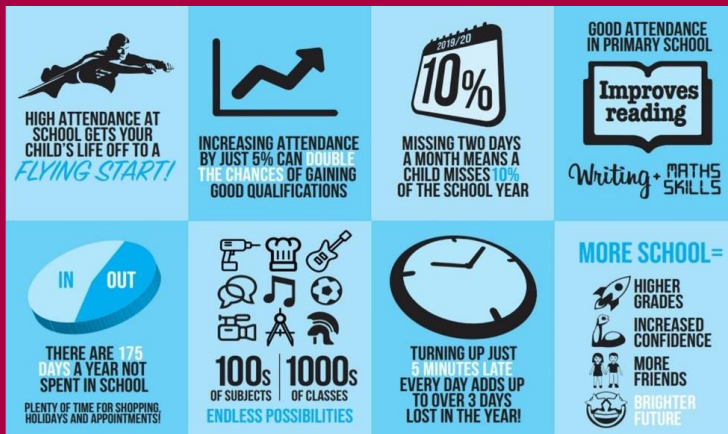
As you know, we are unable to authorise any leave of absence during term time except in extremely exceptional circumstances.

If your child will be absent for a holiday, you must fill in a Leave of Absence form before you go so that we know where your child is

A referral will be made to the Education Welfare Service for a Penalty Warning if the total number of days of Leave of Absence in an academic year is 5 or more. Multiple Leave of Absence requests are added together.

If a child is absent due to illness immediately before or after their leave of absence, these days will be included in the Leave of Absence unless you provide us with medical evidence of their illness or proof of the dates of the holiday.

Please check our term dates on the school website before you submit your leave request:
www.stwilfridsnewman.co.uk



Every day in school makes a difference to your child's future.

Speak to your school to access support and advice on how best to improve your child's attendance.

If you require a leave of absence form, please call in to the school office to collect a paper copy.

We ask that you provide as much evidence as possible to support your request in order for a decision to be made by the Principal.



Spring 2 Attendance



Name	Class		
Miss Burke	Nursery	-	95.8%
Miss Jones	Reception	-	93.3%
Mrs. Gravano	Reception	-	90.56%
Miss Hodgson	Year 1	-	97.78%
Mrs. Bacon	Year 1/2	-	96.86%
Miss Downie	Year 2	-	98.01%
Mrs. Robson/ Mrs. Beardmore	Year 3	-	94.6%
Mrs. Oakes / Mrs. Sykes	Year 3/4	-	97.07%
Mr. Petrozzi	Year 4	-	96.57%
Mr. Bailey	Year 5	-	96.29%
Mrs. Forrester	Year 5/6	-	97.17%
Mrs. Mortimer	Year 6	-	97.37%

**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS**

*"School - where
memories are made."*



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Spring 2 attendance winners are

Year 2 98.1 %

Whole school attendance for
this term:

96.14%

Thank you to all parents and
carers for all of your support so
far this year!