



Attendance at Joseph Turner



A big thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff working together to improve our whole school attendance

At Joseph Turner, we are working very hard to continually improve our attendance. We all have a big part to play in making our attendance something, we can all be proud of. Attending school, on time and everyday, gives all pupils the best chance to get the most from their education, helps with routines ready for later in life when they are in the workplace

Registration

The schools register is the most important part of the school day. It is the only record that the school has of who is in school. This is needed urgently, in times of emergency.

Registers open at 8.40am. Your child will be marked late if they arrive after 9am. If they arrive in school after 9.30am, they will be marked with a 'U' code, this is an unauthorised absence mark due to the lateness of the pupil. Due to this being an unauthorised absence mark, it will have a negative impact on the child's overall attendance.

The Law

Did you know?

- It is the legal responsibility of parents and carers to ensure their child attends school as often as they can and whilst they are well enough to do so.
- If children miss school regularly, and without medical evidence, where attendance falls below 90% an officer from the Local Authority can intervene and try to offer support to help remove any barriers to attend school regularly.

In cases of poor attendance and/or punctuality, along with these absences being unauthorised, legal action might be considered and if progressed could result in a fine and/or legal prosecution in line with government legislation, social care maybe provided to the family to help support.

Unauthorised Attendance Codes

It is unauthorised attendance codes that can lead to local authority involvement and legal action. Examples of unauthorised attendance codes:

- 'O' - This means an absence has not been authorised, usually where no contact has been made, or for an absence where the pupil has attendance below 93%, no absences will be authorised without medical evidence to support absences where attendance of the pupil is below 93%.
- 'G' - This is where a leave of absence has been requested via a leave of absence form, but the absence was not authorised.
- 'U' - Arrived late after the register closed.

Holidays and Leave of Absences.

- The government does not allow any child to be out of school on holiday during term times. Holidays maybe cheaper but children are missing lessons that will not be taught again and missing lesson time that they will never get back.

Last academic year we lost 418 days due to holidays

Exceptional Circumstances

If you feel that your leave of absence is required, due to exceptional circumstances, then complete your leave of absence form and include all details of the reasons why the leave of absence is due to an exceptional circumstance. This will then be considered and you will be notified of the final decision, that is made by the head teacher, Mrs Collins.

Absence and Lateness

Please ensure your child is in school, everyday and on time.

**1 or 2 days a week
doesn't seem
like much but...**

If your child misses...	1 DAY per fortnight	1 DAY per week	2 DAYS per week	3 DAYS per week
That equals...	20 DAYS per year	40 DAYS per year	80 DAYS per year	120 DAYS per year
Which is...	4 WEEKS per year	8 WEEKS per year	16 WEEKS per year	24 WEEKS per year
and over 13 years of schooling that's...	nearly 1.5 YEARS	nearly 2.5 YEARS	over 5 YEARS	nearly 8 YEARS

Which means your child's learning progress might be

