

MISSING ONE DAY A WEEK IS EQUIVALENT TO MISSING TWO YEARS OF  
EDUCATION

When your child is off school for one day it may mean:

- He/She will fall behind with their school work
  - He/She will find it hard to catch up with their work
  - He/She will find it hard to make and keep friends
  - He/She will miss out on school events and opportunities
  - He/She may not get the job they want or a placement in college
- Everyday missed is an opportunity missed  
Positive Attitude makes a big difference.

Possible Reason:	What to do
Cannot do the schoolwork and they want to stay home to avoid the lesson.	Contact their head of year who will arrange a meeting to discuss the problem. Tel. 610300
Couldn't do their Homework	Send the child in with a letter explaining the problem and state if they need help.
Unsure if well enough to attend	If you think they are ok at the time, send them in and tell them to see the school nurse if they feel unwell.
Unhappy with friends or being Bullied	Please do not ignore or keep them home. Contact the school on 610300 and speak to their Head of Year who will help sort out any problems.
Not getting on with their teacher	Contact Head of year who will help to sort out the problem. Tel. 610300
Long-term sickness broken bones or on-going medical condition.	Contact Ms Jenkins 610300 who will arrange home work from their Head of Year
Late for school. Slept through the alarm.	We would prefer children to arrive late to school rather than not at all but this must <u>not</u> become regular.
Non-Uniform Day	Stand firm on this one, new clothes are not necessary and they must attend. They can wear uniform if they wish.
Sickness	If they are genuinely ill, please ring Attendance and let them know so their absence may be authorized. Tel. 610314
Birthdays	This is a day when they should be surrounded by their friends and the best place for that is school.
Rain	Not an excuse to stay home. Suitable clothing and umbrellas are great for keeping children dry. If they do get a bit wet, they will dry out.
Friday	Everyone likes to see a Friday but for the children their fun must not start until 3.05 p.m. They must attend five days a week.
Inset Day	Please look out for letters informing you of dates, if in doubt please contact Attendance on 610314 to confirm pupils are not expected to be in school.
Last Day of Term	The last day of term is another school day and it is just as important to attend. Sometimes there are activities taking place and they may miss out if they do not attend.