

Why is good school attendance important?

Research has shown that there are strong links between levels of attendance at school and levels of achievement.

The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

Broad Horizons Education Trust aspires to build a culture where all pupils can and want to be in school. Regular school attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential.



Who can help?

School attendance can be a real challenge for a range of reasons.

For advice or support about your child's attendance you can speak to a member of staff from your child's school.

Alternatively you can visit justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Or scan the following QR code:



Every Day Counts

Supporting Good School Attendance



Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in life. Being in school gives children the best chance to learn, make friends and get the most from their education.

What are my responsibilities for my child's attendance?

Parents are responsible for making sure their child is in school every day.

If your child needs to be absent from school then you should contact their school on the first day of absence to explain why.

To avoid disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible. When they are, you should ask the school in advance for a leave of absence and collect them as close to the time of the appointment as possible and return them to school for the rest of the school day afterwards.

How can you help your child have good attendance?

- ★ Don't let your child take time off school for minor illnesses: particularly those that would not stop you from going to work.
- ★ Show an interest in school and education by going to parent meetings and other school events.
- ★ Talk about school at home: ask your child what they're learning, how their friends are and how they're getting on.
- ★ Encourage them to tell you about the good and the bad!
- ★ Take family holidays during school holiday time only.



Did you know?



- Children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those who are persistently absent!



- Missing a day of school a week is the same as missing over 2 years of school.



- 90% attendance is classed as persistent absence and adds up to missing 4 weeks of learning throughout the year!