



**Attendance
information
for
parents and carers**



Introduction

Receiving a good full-time education will give your child the best possible start in life.

Attending school regularly and punctually is essential if children are to make the most of opportunities available to them.

What should my child's attendance be at school?



An attendance rate of **95%** is generally considered good; this allows for children to miss 9.5 days across the school year. Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.

Poor attendance can seriously affect a child's attainment in school, relationships with peers and the ability to form long lasting friendships.



What you can do to help...

Make sure your child arrives at school on time. This encourages good timekeeping habits and reduces any classroom distractions.

If your child has to miss school, it is vital that you inform us on the first day of absence, preferably first thing in the morning. Simply call the office and leave a message.

If you think your child is having difficulties attending school, contact us straight away. Most problems can be dealt with very quickly.

Arriving Late

Our school days starts at **8.40am**. We encourage pupils to be ready to start work at this time.



As soon as the classroom door opens (8.30am), pupils' learning starts with morning work and challenges.

Pupils arriving after 8.40am must sign in at the school office. The number of minutes late will be logged.

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning time.

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 lost days of learning time.
- 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.



Some strategies to improve your child's punctuality:

- A good bedtime routine.
- Pack school bags the night before.
- Good morning routines

Leave 5-10 minutes early to allow for traffic.

Reporting an absence

When your child is absent with prior permission, please contact the academy office as early as possible on the first day of absence:



01536 430510 admin@corbyprimaryacademy.org

If you need support with routines at home, please speak to Mrs Sinclair or Mrs Sheridan.

Helpful Websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/help-with-getting-your-child-to-go-to-school>

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/understanding-education/about-schools/behaviour-and-attendance>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/parents-guide-school-attendance>

Unauthorised absence

If your child is absent and we do not receive an explanation from you, or consider the explanation unsatisfactory, we will record your child's absence as 'unauthorised'.

Authorised Absence

Most absences for acceptable reasons will be authorised by the academy ...

- Sickness
- Unavoidable medical/dental appointments (where possible please arrange these for after school or during the holidays)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances, such as bereavement
- A visit to a prospective school

The Academy will not authorise absence for the following reasons ...

- Shopping trips
- Day trips
- Holidays
- Birthdays
- Looking after siblings or ill relatives

Holiday Requests

Government guidance has removed the permission for head teachers to agree to term time holiday requests.

Due to the disruptive effect on a child's education, you are strongly advised to **avoid booking a family holiday during term time.**

Parents and carers do not have the right or entitlement to take their child out of school for a term time holiday.



Any unauthorised leave of absence could result in a fine being issued.

Compulsory school age

Children are considered compulsory school age from 1st September, or 1st January or 1st April following their 5th birthday.



If you need any support, please speak to a member of our team:

School Office – The Admin Team
Mrs Barrington – Executive Principal



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