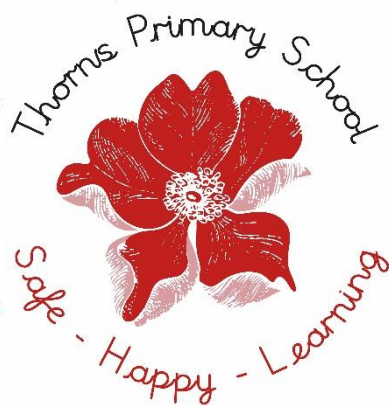




ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts at
Thorns Primary School

Being in school matters

At Thorns Primary School, we want every child to learn, achieve, feel that they belong and reach their full potential.

Regular attendance is a really important part of this.
Every day in school gives your child opportunities to:



Learn and make progress



Build friendships and social skills



Develop confidence and communication skills



Take part in exciting experiences and opportunities



Develop routines, resilience and independence



Feel part of our school community

When children miss school regularly...

they don't just miss lessons. They can miss important explanations, class discussions, practical activities and shared experiences that help them understand what they are learning.



♥ Every Day Counts. Every Lesson Matters. Every Child Matters. ♥



Our School Attendance Target is 96%

It can sometimes be difficult to understand what an attendance percentage actually means. Here is the bigger picture:

Attendance	Approx. days missed in a school year	What does it mean?
100%	0 days	★ Fantastic!
96%	Around 8 days	✓ Meeting our school target
95%	Around 10 days	⚠ Around 2 weeks of learning missed
90%	Around 19 days	⚠ Nearly 4 weeks of learning missed
85%	Around 29 days	❗ Almost 6 weeks of learning missed

90% attendance might sound good, but it means missing nearly 4 weeks of school over the year. Repeated absence can quickly add up and make it harder for children to keep up with their learning and feel connected to school.



Punctuality Matters Too

Arriving at school on time helps children begin their day calmly and positively. Coming into class late can mean missing the start of lessons, important instructions and morning routines. It can also be unsettling for your child. Please ensure your child is on time for school.



What if my child is unwell?

We understand that children do get poorly and there will be times when your child is too unwell to attend school. Please call the school office by 9am and advise us of the reason for absence. If the absence is three days or longer, we may conduct a home visit welfare check.



Holidays and Leave During Term Time

Parents should avoid booking holidays during term time. Government guidance states that holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances. Once 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (which is typically equivalent to 5 school days) have been reached in a rolling 10 school weeks period, you will be referred to the Local Authority and a penalty notice issued.



We're Here to Help

We appreciate that at times there may be difficulties that make coming to school challenging. Please talk to us! Our pastoral team are always available to listen, help and advise. We can work with you and your child to help overcome any issues and barriers that are affecting school attendance. We want to help, but will only know you need it if you ask.



*** Attendance is everyone's responsibility.**
School + Home + Child = Working Together

Thank you to all our families for supporting good attendance and helping our children to be happy, successful and ready to learn.



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