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The Importance Of Good Attendance



Dear Parent/Carer

Research shows that good school attendance impacts upon children's success in learning. Good attendance helps children to achieve good results, helps them to fulfil their potential and gives them a chance of a better future.

At Ellesmere College, we are committed to ensuring that each and every child in our school fulfils their potential. To help us achieve this we want all of our children to have the best possible attendance. We want to celebrate good attendance, so all students with 100% attendance will receive a prize each term.

We would love to see all our pupils with above 95% attendance

Every day that your child is absent from school is an opportunity missed. Schools and parents / carers have a shared responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly and on time. Punctuality is also just as important as attendance. Ellesmere College starts at 9:10am every morning. It is important that children arrive in school on time as it supports them to learn good timekeeping and also reduces classroom disruption for the other children and themselves.

Parental support is critical in ensuring that children achieve in education. At Ellesmere College we work closely with families to support them to achieve the best possible outcomes for their children.

What can parents / carers do to help?

- Ensure your child attends school every day and on time.
- If your child is not well enough to attend contact the school by 09:30am on the first day of absence.
- Try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school time or at weekends.
- Take family holidays during the school holiday. We are unable to authorize term time holidays.
- Contact us immediately if you need help or support with your child's attendance or punctuality.



Let's work together to achieve consistently high attendance and punctuality. There are only 190 school days in a year and we want to see every child at school every day because every school day counts!



Yours sincerely



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