

Attendance Matters!

One of the most important ways to help your child do well at school – and in life – is to ensure that they attend regularly and on time. Good attendance means:

- Better life chances
- Gaining skills for their future
- Building lasting friendships
- Developing confidence
- Taking part in exciting learning activities
- Linking learning from one day to the next
- Being able to achieve their full potential
- Building on previous learning to achieve the best for the future
- Developing a love of learning
- Wanting to better themselves

Good progress goes hand in hand with good attendance

Our timetable

8.35 school starts	
10.10 – 10:25 morning break for years 3 and 4	10.35-10.50 morning break for years 5 and 6
11.45 – 12.30 lunchtime for years 3 and 4	12.30-1.15 lunchtime for years 5 and 6
3.05 end of the school day	

Did you know that

Minutes late per day during the school year	Learning time lost over a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

We aim to raise the attainment of all students at Newlands through excellent attendance and by working in partnership with both parents and the Local Authority. *We are aiming for all pupils to achieve at least 96%.*

	Above 96%	Excellent attendance! Pupils should reach their full potential and achieve the best results that they can
	95%	Pupils with this attendance are likely to achieve their targets and are working towards even better attendance
	90%	Pupils with this attendance are missing approximately a month (20 days) of school per year. They may fall behind in their learning and it will be difficult for them to achieve their best
	85%	These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school. It will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their full potential
	80%	Pupils are missing a day a week over the school year and will find it almost impossible to keep up with their work.

Research shows that there is a clear link between high attainment and good attendance in school. Therefore, it is vital that students attend school every day. We have a number of support strategies in place to help ensure that all pupils can achieve their full potential, these include:

1. weekly monitoring of student attendance and punctuality followed up with letters to parents
2. celebrating good attendance with pupils and their parents or carers with certificates and prizes for children with 100% and those maintaining 96% or above at the end of each term
3. an attendance bear and trophy which is awarded to the class with the best attendance each week.
4. a weekly reward for the class e.g. going in for lunch first or an afternoon playtime
5. an annual whole school reward set by governors for 96+%

What can you do to help?

- Make sure your child comes to school regularly, arriving on time
- If your child is ill, contact the school on the first day of absence by 9.15am. If your child is absent you must tell the school why
- Support the school in its efforts to get lateness and absences under control
- Make sure your child understands the importance of good attendance and punctuality. It is an essential life skill
- Take an interest in your child's education - ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities
- Not letting your child take time off for minor ailments. Very often a child who feels under the weather soon recovers when in school

Please remember:

We will always take care of your child; if they are unwell and their condition deteriorates, we will telephone you so they can go home.