

(Parent) Attendance

Did you know that there is a direct link between attendance at school and examination results? In order to reach your full potential, it is imperative that your child attends every day.

For your child to succeed at school they will need to attend. We have high expectations for all our students. As a school we expect them to attend 100% of the time unless they are ill.

90% attendance may sound good and most would be pleased if we achieved this in a test, however, it means missing an afternoon each week. I am sure an employer would not be happy if one of his workers took an afternoon off each week. This would mean that your child would miss 20 days (4 weeks of the school year)

At the start of each term your child will be given a target to achieve. Our rewards system is linked to attendance and your child will need good attendance to take part in Activity day.

Our Parent Partnership Workers are here to help if you have any attendance

Group	Percentage Attendance	Days absence and Interventions
GOLD	97% or higher	Up to 6 days absence per year
SILVER	95% +	Up to 10 days absence per year Below 95% will involve intervention from the Pupil Support Managers
BRONZE	92% +	Up to 16 days absence per year Below 91% will involve intervention from the Achievement Coordinator
RED	80% - 92%	Up to 40 days absence per year Below 87% will involve intervention from the Parent Partnership Worker and absences will need to be backed up with medical notes
Purple	Below 80%	More than 40 days absence per year Below 80% will lead to referral to Education Welfare Service and possible prosecution

It Is Your Child's Future

You can help your child by:

- making sure they are in school every day
- Making medical/dental appointments out of school time
- Not taking holidays in school time
- Telephoning school by 10.00 am if your child is too ill to attend – 0121 588 8384.
- Plus sending a letter on their return to school, stating the reason for their absence.

The positive consequence of good attendance will result in:

- Certificates
- Rewards
- Recognition
- Every opportunity to achieve your child's potential
- Improved GCSE results

The negative consequences of unacceptable attendance will result in:

- Your child's education will suffer
- Unnecessary time spent by their tutor or pastoral staff contacting home
- Attending a governors' meeting, or court in the case of extended absence

Should your child fail to register at Menzies and no contact has been made to inform the school, we will use our automated calling system to inform you as parents and carers. Please keep our contact telephone numbers up to date and inform us of any changes to them.