

# What can you do to help?

Aim for 10 **hours sleep** for your child, each night.

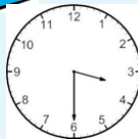
Help your child **develop routines**- bedtime/homework.

Get their school bag ready the **night before**.

Make sure any medical/dental **appointments** are made for **after school**.

Take **holidays during school holidays**.

If your child is ill, phone school as soon as possible on the **first day** of absence.



If your child is saying that they do not feel well, please **think carefully** before deciding that they should not come to school. Ask yourself

- **Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?**
- **Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?**
- **Would I take a day off work if I had this condition?**
- **Talk to us**

Riverview CofE Primary and Nursery School

Attendance Information for Parents  
September 2021



**MISS SCHOOL = MISS OUT**  
**Why attendance at school matters**

**We are aiming for all children to have 96% or above attendance this year.**

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- \* To learn.
- \* To make new friends.
- \* To experience new things in life.
- \* To gain qualifications.
- \* To develop new skills.
- \* To build confidence and self-esteem.

To have the best possible start in life

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| 100% attendance | 0 Days missed   |
| 95% attendance  | 9 Days of Absence<br>1 week and 4 days of learning missed   |
| 90% attendance  | 19 Days of Absence<br>3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed |
| 85% attendance  | 28 Days of Absence<br>5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed |

## DID YOU KNOW THAT...

90% attendance is equivalent to a full month off school in a year!

Around 85 million days are lost to absence each year!

10 days off in school time means your child has about 50 hours of missed work to catch up on!

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is your **legal responsibility.**

Missing just 10 minutes of school a day is the same as missing two weeks over the year.

The higher the absence rate across the juniors, the less likely a child will reach the expected standard in Year 6.

**What do you want for your child?**