



Amotherby Primary School

Attendance Matters

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Amotherby Primary School, we are committed to ensuring every child receives the very best education possible. A key factor in this is **regular and punctual attendance**. While we recognise that mornings can be challenging, we are increasingly concerned about the number of pupils arriving late to school. Whilst overall attendance remains a key priority, we are seeing an increasing number of pupils arriving after the school day has begun. This newsletter is designed to raise awareness about the impact of lateness on children's learning and to offer practical advice and national insights.

The Impact of Lateness on Learning

Arriving late may seem like a small issue, but over time, it can have a significant effect on your child's education.

- ◆ A child who is **15 minutes late each day** misses the equivalent of **2 weeks of school** over the year.
- ◆ Being just **5 minutes late every day** adds up to **3 whole days of lost learning** across the school year.

Every minute counts. The start of the school day is vital – it's when children settle in, receive key instructions, and begin their learning. Missing even a short period can cause your child to feel behind, unsettled, and less confident.

What the National Statistics Say

According to the **Department for Education (DfE)**:

- Pupils with **higher levels of attendance** are more likely to achieve better academic outcomes.
- Children who miss **fewer than 5 days** of school a year are **more than twice as likely** to achieve expected standards in English and maths.
- Persistent lateness contributes to gaps in understanding, missed social interaction, and difficulty in establishing a consistent routine.



Who can I talk to if I need support?



Mrs L Wade – Heateacher



Miss K Cooper – Assistant HT & SENCo

To help us support your child's attendance and punctuality, please use Class Dojo to stay in regular contact with your child's class teacher. Together, we can quickly address any challenges that might affect your child's ability to arrive at school on time. Open communication helps us work as a team to ensure your child gets the most from their learning experience.

Whole School Attendance 96.46% Whole School Target 97%

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Equal to finishing at grade 4

EYFS	95.76%
Class 1	96.76%
Class 2	97.16%
Class 3	96.87%
Class 4	96.31%
Class 5	96.82%
Class 6	95.54%

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