# Attendance & Punctuality at Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery

Here at Rudyard we take pride in good attendance and arriving at school on time

## Punctuality

Being late can be very disruptive for children and the whole class

Children who are late can:

- Be embarrassed to walk in late
- Be anxious and on edge
- Miss important instructions from the teacher about the day ahead

## Attendance

Why is regular attendance at school important?

- Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child
- Children are more able to build and maintain friendships with other children
- If children miss basic skills in the early years of school, they may have problems later on
- Regular attendance at school will help your child succeed in later life

A child should only be absent from school if they are very unwell, have an infectious illness (e.g. chicken pox, mumps or measles) have an injury such as a break, attending a religious ceremony or leave authorised by the Headteacher

## Every School Day Counts

**90% Attendance may sound good and if we were to get 90% in a test we would be quite happy, however 90% is the same as missing 19 days in one year!**

**Research has shown children who have over 95% attendance are more likely to achieve higher test scores and when older more GCSEs**
**It is really true that every day counts in your child's education!**

If you need support in your child attending school or are having difficulties we have a very supportive Inclusion Team including;

SENCo Helen Nazarko

CWO Tara Bryant

Learning Mentor Jo Rollason

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## Holidays & Absences

The School is unable to authorise any Holiday of any length during term time

This includes

Holidays taken without informing the school

Absenses where we have been advised a child is ill but the child tells their Teacher theyhave been away( Fines will be issued for this)

Absences because a parent/carer or Sibling is unwell.

Taking Time off in termtime for

Birthdays

Family Days

Family Visits

## Fixed Penalty Notices

The Local Authority is now issuing Fines for Absences, Punctuality and Family Holidays.

**These fines are currently: £160 for each parent for each child e.g. £320.00 for a family with two children living with both parents**

The fine must be paid within 21 days of the date of issue. This will increase to £160.00 per parent/carer per child paid after 21 days but within 28 days

## Your Child can miss School if

* They are too ill to attend ( Medical evidence maybe required)

* They are travelling to and from a Medical appointmnet ( Parent should try book these outside of School time)

* You have made an application in advance that has been authorised.

Please speak to our Attendance Officer

Mrs Lynsey Ray in the School office

If you have any questions regarding Attendance