

## Tips to help you and your child make going to school easier:

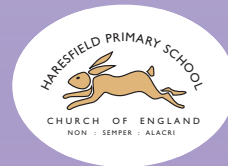
- ✓ Help them get their school bag packed the night before.
- ✓ Make sure their uniform is ready, especially after the holidays or weekend.
- ✓ Get them to bed at a reasonable time so they have a good sleep.
- ✓ Set the alarm clock early enough to allow plenty of time to get ready without rushing.
- ✓ Make sure they have some breakfast.
- ✓ Remind them to start walking or set off in the car early enough so they won't be late. Punctuality is important.
- ✓ Check they have everything they need: book bags, PE/swimming kit etc.
- ✓ Talk to your child about what they did in school each day—ask them what they are proud of!

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If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please talk to Mrs Tracey Buckle, Bursar or Mrs Bacon, Head.

Official information on school attendance and absence may be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>



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## Attendance Fact Sheet For Families



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## Some facts about school attendance . . . that you probably didn't know:

90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks.

Keeping children away from school for no good reason is a criminal offence.

If you take a two week holiday in term time, your child's attendance will be automatically reduced to less than 95%.

The school will not authorise absence without a good reason. This can involve asking for medical evidence.

If your child misses any lessons, it is exceptionally challenging to catch up as learning is planned in a series of activities. Assessment can be a failure for your child if they miss key learning activities.

The Government regards 95% as the **minimum** satisfactory attendance for a primary school

Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is equivalent to six days absence a year. BUT many pupils every year in primary schools achieve 100% attendance.

Poor attendance can make it harder for your child to get along with other children and make friends. Whilst your child is away, children form other groups.

A two week holiday each year in primary school means a total of fourteen teaching weeks teaching time missed—this could have a real impact on their basic literacy and maths skills. That gap can remain into adulthood.

Prolonged absence from school can lead to loneliness.