

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

Please find below information regarding a new service the school will be accessing to support attendance and punctuality. Our school contact will be Julie Cartlidge, although other members of the Attend team may be involved as necessary.

As you are aware, our **school target is 97%**, and contact is made with all parents of children whose attendance falls below 93%, with a different approach for those children whose attendance falls below 90% (persistent absence).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Harrison  
Head of School



Hello,

Attend EDC is an Independent Education Welfare Support Service that is now working with Seabridge Primary School to support Attendance, Punctuality and Welfare needs.

Our Staff have a wealth of experience of supporting pupils and families. Regular visits and communication will take place when necessary. If you feel you need this support then ask your school to contact us.

Regular absences from school can affect:

- Attainment levels - the quality of school work, qualifications gained
- School routine - disrupting your child's learning and that of the other pupils
- The chances of children and young people being involved in anti-social behaviour
- A child or young person's general well being and long term life opportunities

Improving regular attendance at school is therefore a key priority, both locally and nationally

We are aware that children can miss school due to unavoidable illness. Please ensure that you communicate the reasons for your child's absences on the first day of absence. If there are long term attendance difficulties, then please discuss this with us so that we may support the situation.

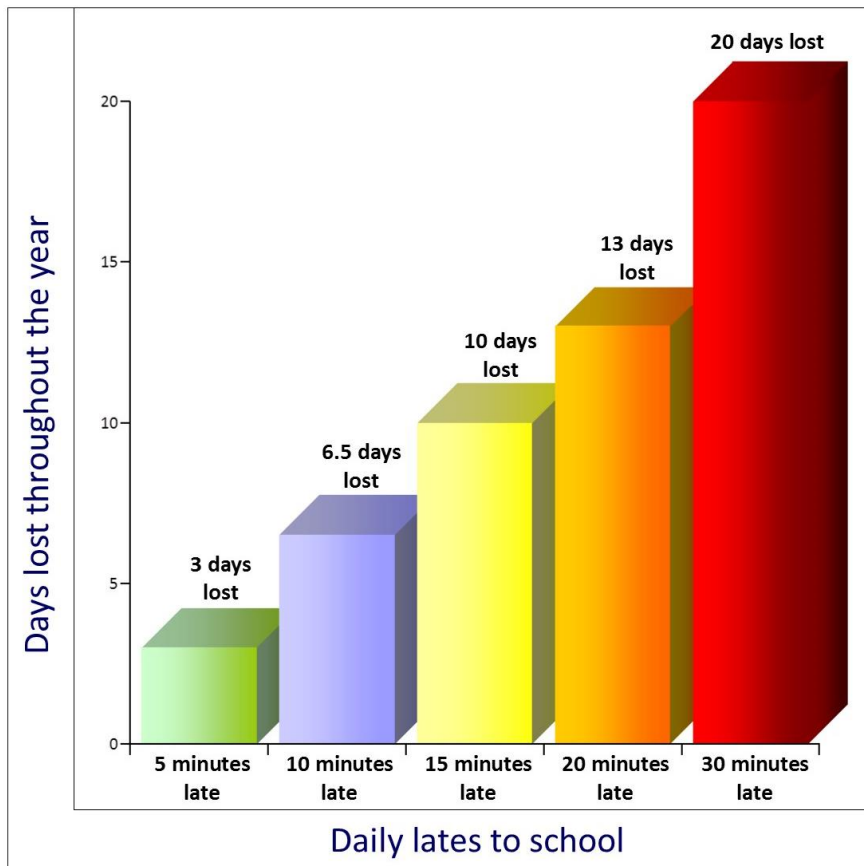
<b>Attendance %</b>		
100 %	Outstanding Attendance	Gives a child the very best chance of success.
95%	Good Attendance	Few interruptions to learning – a very good chance of success.
93%	Worrying attendance	Your child has missed almost 3 weeks of learning.
90% or less	Serious concern	Persistent Absence Pupil (as defined by the DfE.) This is worrying attendance. A child has had the equivalent of one day off school every fortnight / almost 4 weeks off school (or more). It is less likely that good progress in learning can be made.

Attendance is an important part of your Child's Education, they can not learn if not in school.  
Attendance= Attainment Every Day Counts

You are legally responsible for seeing your child attends school every day and on time.

Persistent lateness can add up to too many days absent.

Please also be aware that if your child is late to school, after the register has closed, then this will be classed as an absence and further action could be taken against you



*NB Figures are rounded up to the nearest half day*

**10 minutes late to school every day adds up.  
It is the same as losing 6.5 days of school each  
year.**

When a child arrives late at the start of the school day, it is very disruptive to their learning and the learning of their classmates

If you require any more Information about Attend EDC then contact the school.