

The facts....

Nationally, pupil attendance expectation is **96%**. This means that a child needs to attend school for at least 168 out of 175 days to meet national expectations.

At St Paul's, children are only required to attend for 175 days of the year, 20 days less than mainstream schools. This gives families 190 non school days to arrange holidays and non urgent medical treatment.

Currently, our overall school attendance is only 93.74%, we have some way to go! Lateness accounts for 3.53% of the loss.

Current Attendance percentage	No. of Children	Equivalent %
100%	34	17.7%
96% and over	49	25.5%
90.1% - 95.9%	56	29.2%
90 & Under	53	27.6%

Based on the data above, **83 children are 96% and above and 109 are below**. This means only 43.2% of children is reaching the national average expectations and 56.8% are below.

Spotlight on Punctuality

It is important that your child attends school every day and on time.

Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day.

Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 29 hours lost learning each year!!

This is the equivalent of 44 lessons!

Absence through illness

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home, so to help you with this decision we have devised a useful reference guide.

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact absence@stpaulssteinerschool.org before 8.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will text you to find out why your child is not in school. When reporting your child's absence, please include their name and class in the email. This saves us a lot of time and is much appreciated. Thank you.

RED - STAY AT HOME
Sickness & Diarrhoea
- 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode

AMBER - SEEK ADVICE
Headache, Feeling Sick,
Tummy Ache Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt contact the school for advice.

GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL
Mild cough, Cold, Sore Throat, Feeling Tired
We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.