

Attendance

Spotlight On: Attendance

Here at Malvern, we are committed to raising the attainment of the pupils at our school so that they have the skills they need to be successful in the next stage of their education. To ensure all pupils achieve their potential, it is vital that they attend school every day possible. At Malvern, pupils are growing their knowledge and understanding every session of every school day. For this reason, we see a significant correlation between persistent absence and low attainment. This is a key driver in our school improvement planning.

We will continue to celebrate fantastic attendance through our rewards and incentives. These include:

Attendee of the Week Prize – This is awarded to a child who has made a sustained effort to improve their attendance or has demonstrated resilience in their determination to attend school.

100% Attendance Class Prize – Each week, any classes with 100% attendance are awarded a cash prize.

97% - If individual children have attendance of 97% or more they are entered into raffles and have the opportunity to win special days out and prizes.

In2Win Attendance League – Our whole school attendance league will continue to run throughout the spring term.

If your child is absent for any reason, it is imperative that you contact school on each day of their absence. This reduces the workload on our administration team and means we are able to keep accurate records in school.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS
TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

- Don't give in! Follow through.
- Be organised! Get everything ready from the night before. Have their coats and bags at the door, their lunch made and their clothes on the banisters.
- Treat it like a military operation in the morning!
- Don't give them a choice to stay at home.
- Give yourself 15 minutes before the kids get up.
- No TV, iPad or phones allowed in the morning.
- Keep talking about the importance of school.
- Early to bed the night before school, especially after holidays.
- Come back to school after doctor/ dentist appointments.
- Know how many days your child has missed in school.

TUSLA
An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

CYPSC
CHILDREN'S YOUTH SERVICES
Dublin City North

Did You Know?

If your child is **30 minutes** late every day they miss **2 and a half hours a week**. That works out at **4 days a term** and **12 days a year!**

If your child is between 5 and 16 years old and is a registered pupil at school, it is your legal responsibility to make sure they attend regularly.

If your child misses **1 day of school** a week they miss **7 and a half weeks a year**. This is more than half a term of learning!