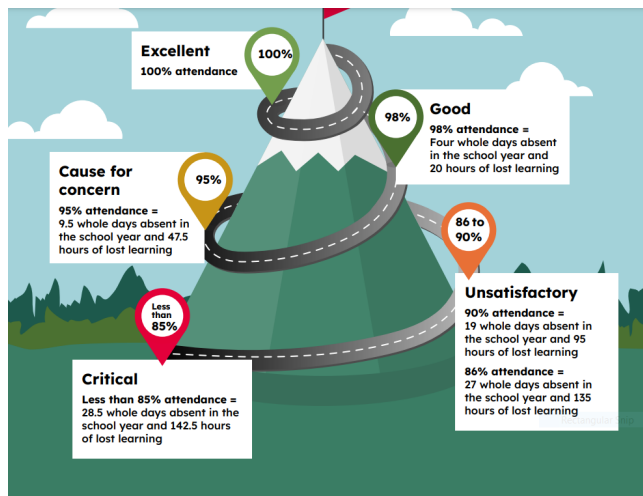


Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?



Did you know?

If your child attends school between 95% and 100%, they have the potential to achieve their best, educationally and socially.

- ◇ 10 days off per academic year = 94.7%
- ◇ Whilst 90% attendance might sound good:
 - * 90% = 1/2 day off each week per year;
 - * 90% = 1 month off school per year;
 - * 90% = 1 whole school year in career.

We hope this leaflet gives you all the information you need about your child's attendance at The Robert Drake Primary school.

We understand there can be tricky times so we offer our support for any issues that may affect your child's attendance — working together is the key.



Attendance at Robert Drake



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Punctuality

Being on time to school is very important.

Pupils arriving late to school causes disruption to their learning and to others in the class.

Make every minute count.

If your child is 5 minutes late to school every day, they will miss 3 days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day, they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

If your child is regularly late we will call home to find out why and offer support.

Give your child the best start in life—every school day counts

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

At Robert Drake we expect every child to attend school every day.

If your child is not well enough to attend school, we expect a parent/carer to contact the school office as soon as possible giving a specific reason for the absence.

Office: 01268 754124

The lines are open from 8.15am or you can leave a message.



Please give your child's full name, their class and the reason for their absence.

Please ring on each day of absence.

Because we have a duty of care for safeguarding your child, if we do not receive a call on a daily basis we will contact you to ensure we know your child is safe.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- ◆ Establish a good routine in the mornings and in the evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- ◆ Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- ◆ Ensure your child arrives at school on time and is not late.
- ◆ Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours where possible.
- ◆ Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness.
- ◆ Take family holidays outside of term time.
- ◆ Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work.
- ◆ Attend parent events and school events (where possible).
- ◆ Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- ◆ Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- ◆ Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school—staff are there to help and will be supportive.

