



Winhills Attendance Newsletter

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Welcome to the spring term Winhills Attendance Newsletter.



The spring term has been another challenging term with absence and illness, but a huge congratulations to the **48 children with 100% attendance** this term—which is a big increase on the autumn term, and there are another 10 pupils with over 99% which is fantastic. We also have **110 children who achieved over 96% attendance this term**—well done! This is over half of the school and is a huge improvement on the autumn term.

As a school, our target is have over 96% attendance but unfortunately we are currently at **92.75%** which means we are still behind where we want to be.

This means we have collectively had over **510 missed days of education** just in the spring term, and **1280 missed days** since the start of the academic year—this is a statistic we really want to improve.

Attendance statistics for your child are available via Arbor.

How are our classes doing?

	Topaz	Sunstone	Amber	Emerald
Spring term	87.98%	92.34%	93.83%	90.3%
Year to date	91.65%	92.43%	93.09%	90.54%

Ruby	Amethyst	Moonstone	Sapphire	Quartz
95.06%	91.3%	92.98%	90.71%	95.42%
95.77%	89.45%	91.61%	90.19%	94.51%

Well done to Quartz class for having the best attendance in the spring term!



Ruby class have continued to maintain the highest attendance across the whole year—well done! Keep up the great work!

Both classes will be receiving an extra playtime next week as a reward for their great attendance.

Punctuality

At the start of the 2022-23 academic year, changes were made to the start of the school day, which has had an impact on the number of late marks across the school.

Across the spring term alone, we have had **244 late marks**. This accounts for a huge amount of lost learning.

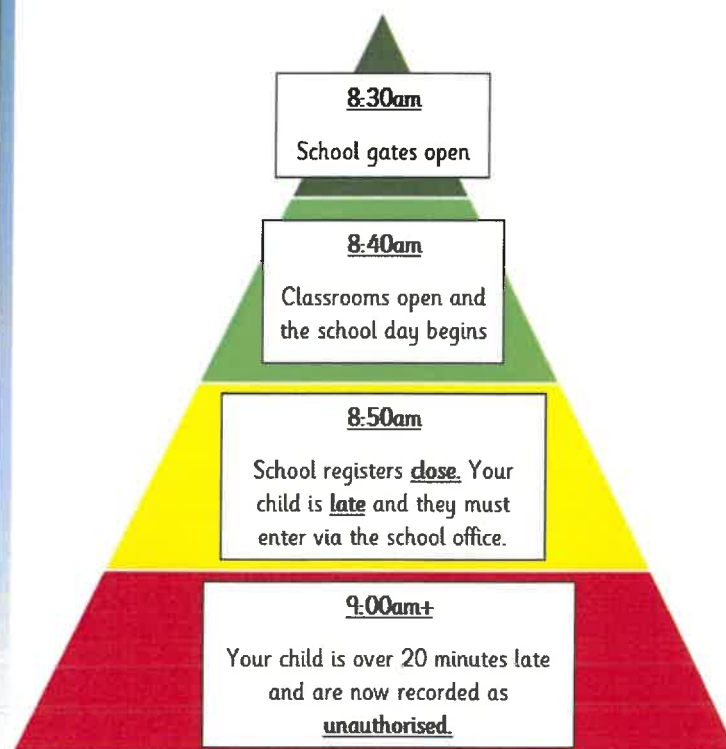
The timings for the school day are shown below.

Does it really matter if a child is late?

Being late has a big impact on a child.

- It is embarrassing for them to arrive late into class
- It is detrimental to their learning, particularly if they are missing the same key session each day (phonics in KS1 and spelling in KS2)
- It impacts on their whole class attendance and the rewards they receive
- Over time it builds up—**15 minutes late everyday** is the equivalent of missing **10 whole school days per year**.

School morning timings



What to do if your child is unable to attend school

Frequent absence will inevitably impact on your child's learning, both academically and socially. If your child is unable to attend school **you must phone the school office before 9am every day they are unwell**. You can leave a message to inform us of your absence. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you to update on absence. If we cannot contact you, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**. **If we have not heard from you, please expect to receive a home visit by our welfare team**. Repeated unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices.

What should I do if my child is unwell?

We fully understand that children become unwell and know it can be a hard decision whether to send them in.

With this in mind, this reference guide could be of help:

Red: Stay at home

Sickness and diarrhoea

24 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school.

Amber: Seek advice

Severe headaches, tummy ache, feeling sick

Children can often feel these symptoms when they are anxious or worried. Please contact us if you feel this could be a concern.

Green: Come to school

Mild cough, mild sore throat, feeling tired

If your child has these mild symptoms, please send them in and we will contact you if they get worse.