



WILLIAM HARDING SCHOOL
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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Full time attendance

Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996 the parent is responsible for making sure that their child of compulsory school age receives full time education that is suitable to the child's age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs that the child may have.

This is the basis of our attendance policy in school. As a school we have very strict rules to follow from the Government about authorised absences from school so that all pupils have the benefit of a full-time education. At William Harding we have lessons that start when the children enter the classroom at the beginning of the day and run through until the very end of the day. If children miss any part of the school day, they are missing learning time.

On occasion we have parents that request to collect children earlier each day or drop off later. Whilst we understand that some parents have difficulties with the school run, we cannot authorise, or agree to, regular learning being lost. We cannot agree to regular early collection or late drop offs.

If a child misses just five minutes a day for the year then they would miss nearly 3.4 days of school / learning across the year.

If a child misses 10 minutes a day for the year then they would miss nearly 6.9 days of school / learning across the year.

If a child misses 20 minutes a day for the year then they would miss nearly 13.8 days of school / learning across the year. *If this was taken as an unauthorised holiday, this could result in a fine.*

If you are having difficulty with the school run please speak to the FLO team who may be able to support you. We also have breakfast and after school club to support family with childcare around the school day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Skinner

Inclusion, Pastoral and safeguarding Lead

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.

