



# Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent / Carer



## Attend EDC

Attend EDC is an Independent Education Welfare Support Service that is working with Ryecroft to support Attendance, Punctuality and Welfare needs.

The staff at Attend EDC have a wealth of experience of supporting pupils and families. Regular visits and communication will take place when necessary. If you feel you need this support then please contact the school, who will then contact them.

Regular absences from school can affect:

- Attainment levels - the quality of school work, qualifications gained
- School routine - disrupting your child's learning and that of the other pupils
- The chances of children and young people being involved in anti-social behaviour
- A child or young person's general well-being and long term life opportunities
- Improving regular attendance at school is therefore a key priority, both locally and nationally

We are aware that children can miss school due to unavoidable illness. Please ensure that you communicate the reasons for your child's absences on the first day of absence to the school office. If there are long term attendance difficulties, then you are welcome to discuss this with them, so that they may support the situation.

Attendance %		
100 %	Outstanding Attendance	Gives a child the very best chance of success.
95%	Good Attendance	Few interruptions to learning – a very good chance of success.
93%	Worrying attendance	Your child has missed almost 3 weeks of learning.
90% or less	Serious concern	Persistent Absence Pupil (as defined by the DfE.) This is worrying attendance. A child has had the equivalent of one day off school every fortnight / almost 4 weeks off school (or more). It is less likely that good progress in learning can be made.



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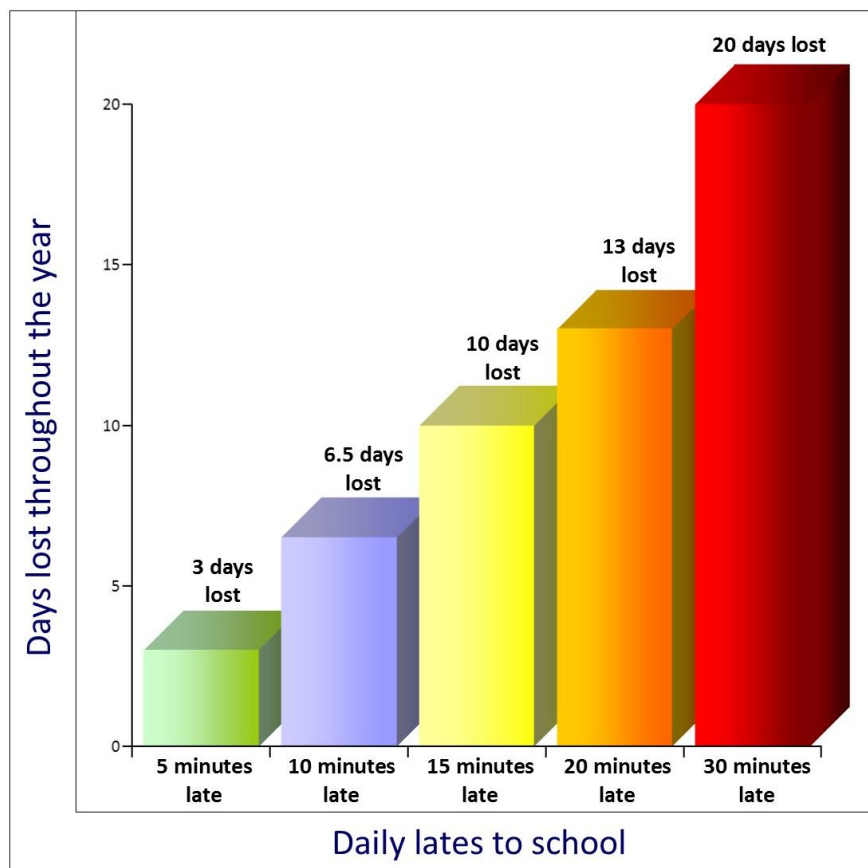
Attendance is an important part of your Child's Education, they cannot learn if not in school

Attendance = Attainment Every Day Counts.

You are legally responsible for seeing your child attends school every day and on time.

Persistent lateness can add up too many days.

Please also be aware that if your child is late to school, after the register has closed, then this will be classed as an absence and further action could be taken against you.



*NB Figures are rounded up to the nearest half day*

**10 minutes late to school every day adds up. It is the same as losing 6.5 days of school each year.**

When a child arrives late at the start of the school day, it is very disruptive to their learning and the learning of their classmates.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bardon  
Deputy Headteacher



