School Attendance and Law

- Children registered at school must attend regularly and punctually. As their parent or carer, you have a legal responsibility to ensure they do. Failure to do so may result in legal action being taken. Upon conviction, the maximum fine could be £2,500 and/or up to three months imprisonment.
- If a child is missing from school they may be putting themselves at risk of being a victim or a perpetrator of crime. A recent survey has indicated that 70% of children who did not attend school regularly admitted to committing at least one criminal offence.

Only School Can Authorise an Absence!

Please do not ask to take your child out of school for a holiday, shopping trip, birthday treat or trip, to look after others at home or non-urgent medical/dental appointments as they will be regarded as an unacceptable reason and the absence(s) not authorised.

There are 175 other days (weekends and school holidays) available which would not have a negative affect on your child's education.

Contacts....

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Ipsley CE RSA Academy
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Abbeywood First School
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Matchborough First School Academy
Matchborough Way Redditch B98 0GD
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Moon's Moat First School
Church Hill South Redditch B98 9HR
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Roman Way First School
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Tenacres First School
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A Guide to School Attendance

Our schools are committed to working towards the goal of 100% attendance of children

Your Child's Education is Important!

The Education Act 1996 section 7 states that "the parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive efficient full time education according to his age, aptitude, ability and any special educational needs he may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise". For most children this is full time schooling.

- Research shows that children who attend school regularly are likely to be more successful.
- School is focused on improving overall attendance and reducing persistent absence.
- A student whose attendance is 95% or below will be tracked and appropriate measures will be put in place to support an improvement.

Every Day...

Is 90% Attendance Really Good Enough!

There are 190 statutory school days. For a student whose attendance is 90%

- This is equal to missing 19 school days every year or half a day each week!
- This is equal to them missing 95 lessons each year or 2.5 lessons missed each week!
- This means by the end of the year they will have missed:
  - 14 hours of English Lessons
  - 14 hours of Maths Lessons
  - 14 hours of Science lessons
  - Plus 53 hours of their other lessons

How Attendance Impacts on GCSE Qualifications

The amount of time a student spends in school direcly affects their exam results. If their current attendance is 90% statistically they could have a problem - 2 out of 5 people with the same attendance don't get 5 good GCSEs.

Every Half day....

How Qualifications can Affect Life

Statistics show a student who leaves with 5 good GCSEs will earn £350,000 more in their life time than those who leave without 5 good GCSEs. The chart below shows why attendance at school matters **NOW!**

Qualifications	Potential Average Earnings				
		Per Hour	Per Week	Per Year	Over 10 Years
	No GCSE	£7.44	£290.16	£15,088.32	£150,883.20
	GCSE	£9.02	£351.78	£18,292.56	£182,925.60
	A Levels	£10.25	£399.75	£20,787.00	£207,870.00
	Degree	£15.01	£585.39	£30,440.28	£304,402.80

Every Lesson Counts!