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Attendance Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026-2027

2025/26 our overall school attendance for the academic year was **94.2%**

We are delighted to report that whole-school attendance has improved steadily over the past three years. While it is encouraging to see this positive progress, we recognise that there is still work to do to ensure our attendance rates align with, and exceed, both local and national figures. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their continued support and commitment to ensuring children attend school regularly. Your partnership plays a vital role in helping our pupils achieve their full potential.

National Attendance for Primary schools 94.6%

Local Attendance for Primary schools 94.5%

At EP Collier, we want every pupil to see school as an 'irresistible' place to learn, grow and build friendships, while feeling safe, happy and supported. Regular attendance is essential for both academic progress and social development, and frequent absence can have a significant impact on a child's learning and wellbeing. We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to support and improve attendance across our school. If there are any factors affecting your child's attendance, or if you would like to discuss how we can help, please contact Ms Barnett, our Attendance Champion, to arrange a meeting.

We closely monitor the attendance of all pupils whose attendance falls below 96%. If your child's attendance drops below 95%, you may receive a letter outlining our concerns or be invited to attend an attendance meeting so that we can discuss any support that may be needed. Where attendance continues to be a concern, we may make a referral to the Education Welfare Team for further support. Please be aware that Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued if a pupil has 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

Punctuality

Pupils can miss valuable learning at the start of the day if they do not arrive at school on time.
Please refer to the timetable below as a reminder of our morning timings.

	Whole School
Start time	8.30am
On time (10 minutes registration period)	8.30am-8.40am
Late (Pupils will receive a L code in the register).	8.40am - 9.10am
Late after register has closed (Pupils will receive a U code in the register this is an unauthorised absence)	After 9.10am

The Department for Education have put together some useful and informative short clips about attendance. The links are below to access these clips about attendance from the Department of Education.

Why attending every day matters in primary school
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g_tfUyroZM&list=PLXjcCX3hH9LVaCIua1fZ2H6pgD7I4mDMP&index=1

Illness absence and staying healthy
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i5KxggkPTw

Did you know pupils with 90%- 94% could have missed up to 88 lessons or three and a half school weeks in a full academic year?

For further information refer to the Attendance Policy September 26 on our school website.