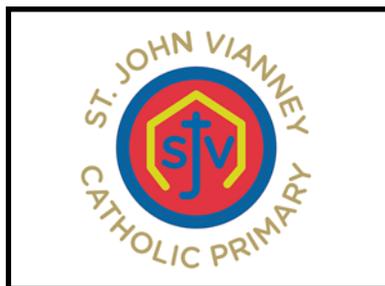


Support

We pride ourselves in being a supportive school with a listening ear. Please come and talk to us if there is anything affecting you, your child or your family.

We have access to a range of support within Newcastle to support with the following:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Housing
- Debt Management
- Safeguarding and child protection
- Mental Health
- Physical Health
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Family problems



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Attendance Information for Parents / Carers of Statutory School-Aged Children

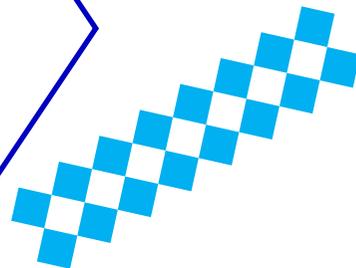


Welcome to St John Vianney

It is well known that a child who attends school regularly is more likely to perform better, is more likely to establish good friendships and is more likely to fulfil their true potential.

Good habits start from an early age !

It is important to establish healthy attendance levels throughout your child's school career if they are to achieve in later life.



Rewards for good / excellent attendance?

- Every child who achieves Green or Gold (97-100%) attendance levels each half term will receive a special certificate of recognition. Their names will also be entered into a prize draw.
- Each week both the KS1 and KS2 class with the best attendance will have extra play time outside!
- The best reward a child can gain by attending well is the positive impact that their education (academic, social and emotional) has on their future aspirations and achievements.

It is important to form good patterns from an early age.

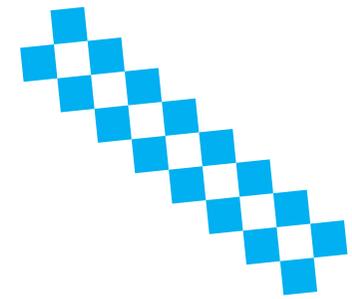
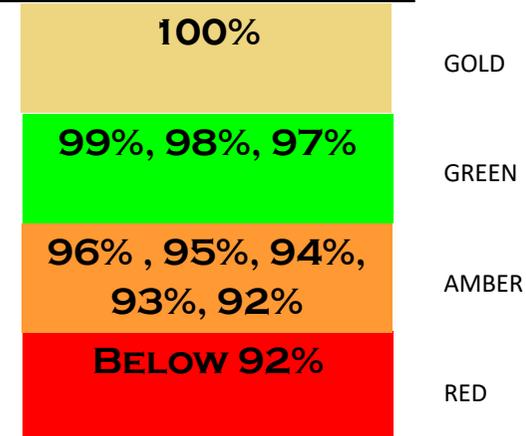


What happens if my child does not have good attendance?

- Your child misses valuable learning opportunities.
- Your child misses out on fun activities and social aspects of school life.
- Your child is less likely to reach their developmental milestones.
- Your child's teacher will not be able to make an accurate assessment of their learning needs. This could mean that vital opportunities for providing your child with additional support (if needed) are missed.
- Your child may find it more difficult to maintain friendships and so could feel socially isolated. This impacts on their future.
- You may be fined by the Local Authority or referred to the Magistrates Court for prosecution.
- Most children who truant from school as teenagers or who become "school refusers" have had a history of poor attendance during their early education.



ATTENDANCE ZONES



- All of our pupils' attendance is colour-coded based on the number of days that they attend which is then converted into a percentage (as above)
- We would hope that all of our children are able to achieve Green or Gold attendance levels.
- We will let you know if we become concerned about your child's attendance. This will be done either by telephone, discussion with the teacher, a phone call from Grant Short our attendance officer and/or a traffic light letter from school and/or the LA.
- If your child's attendance falls below 97% we would like to support you to improve it.

What do we want you to do

- Please ensure that your child does not miss unnecessary time from school for low level illness (e.g. coughs/colds) or headlice.
- If your child is absent, please contact school by 9.00am to provide a reason for absence and an expected date of return.
- Please ensure your child arrives on time for school (8.50am)
- Try to arrange medical appointments for outside of school time.
- You may be asked to provide medical evidence if your child's attendance is regularly affected by illness or if they are absent for more than 3 days in a row.
- Arrange holidays during the allocated school holiday periods.
- Let us know if there is anything affecting your child's attendance. This includes issues that may not be related to illness. We can support you.
- Please encourage your child to form positive views about their education. They learn from you! A child who feels positive about school is more likely to want to attend every day.



What can you expect from us?

- We will talk to you if we are concerned about your child's attendance and/or punctuality.
- For safeguarding reasons if we do not hear from you regarding an absence we will attempt to contact you to establish where your child is.
- We can offer 1-1 or group support for your child if there are specific issues affecting attendance e.g. friendship/confidence/social difficulties.
- We can offer family / parenting support if there are any difficulties at home affecting attendance.
- Our School Welfare Officer Grant Short may visit you at home (unplanned) for any of the reasons below and will discuss any support that could be offered:
 - a) Your child's attendance falls below 97% . It doesn't take many absences to fall below 97%, especially at the start of the year.
 - b) Your child is continually absent for 3 days or longer without an acceptable reason.
 - c) You fail to provide a reason for absence.
- We have a duty to report repeated poor attendance to the Local Authority who may decide to take legal action against any parent whose child is of statutory school age and who fails to achieve expected attendance levels without sufficient supporting evidence.

