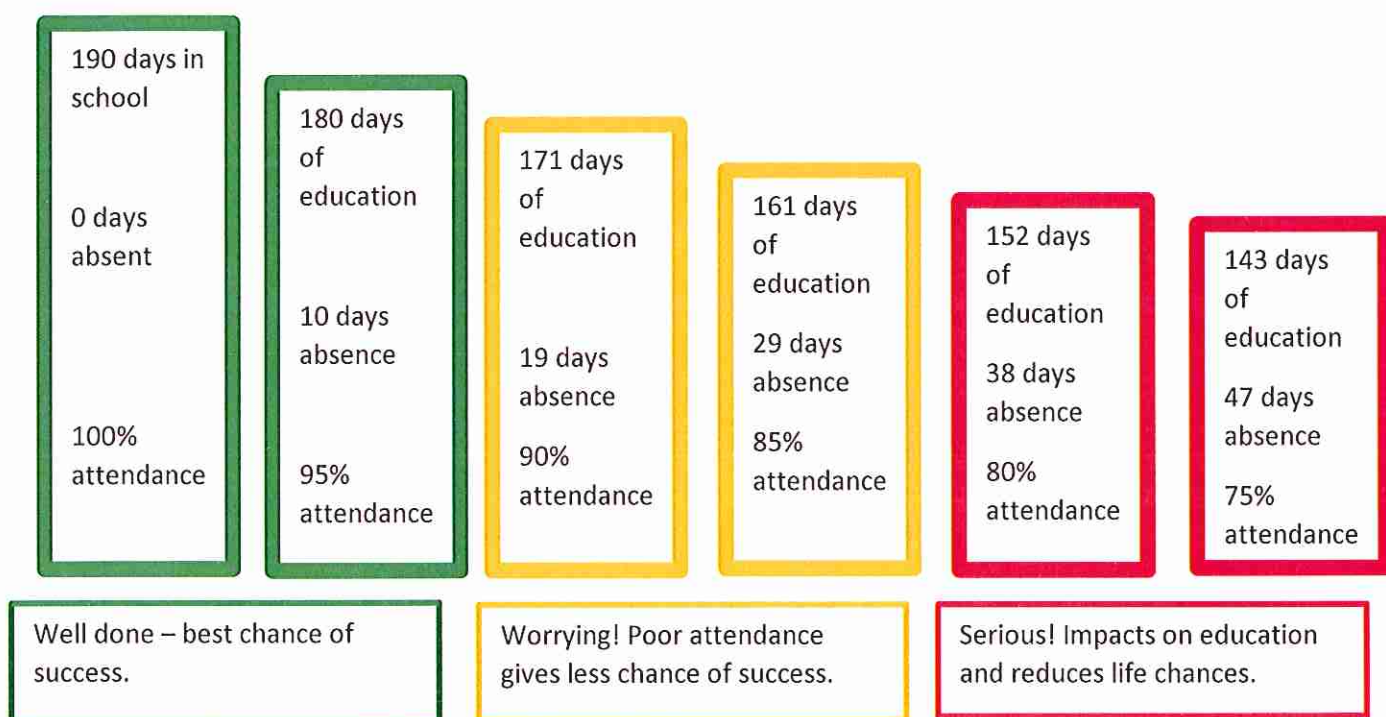


Good Attendance at St. Chad's Catholic Primary School.



Good attendance means.....

at least 95% of the time or between 180 and 190 days in school.



There are 365 days in a year, 190 days school days which leaves 175 days for shopping, holidays and appointments.

Good attendance means.....

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

This means there are 175 non-school days to:

- Take holidays
- Visit family
- Go shopping
- Attend routine appointments

Did you know whilst children are at school they:

- Make new friends
- Learn and enjoy new experiences
- Feel safe and listened to
- Grow in confidence
- Take part in school visits, events, teams, clubs
- Keep up with school work and homework
- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Are made to feel special when they do well



Good time keeping means ...

Making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the start of the school day.



Did you know?
Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over one academic year.

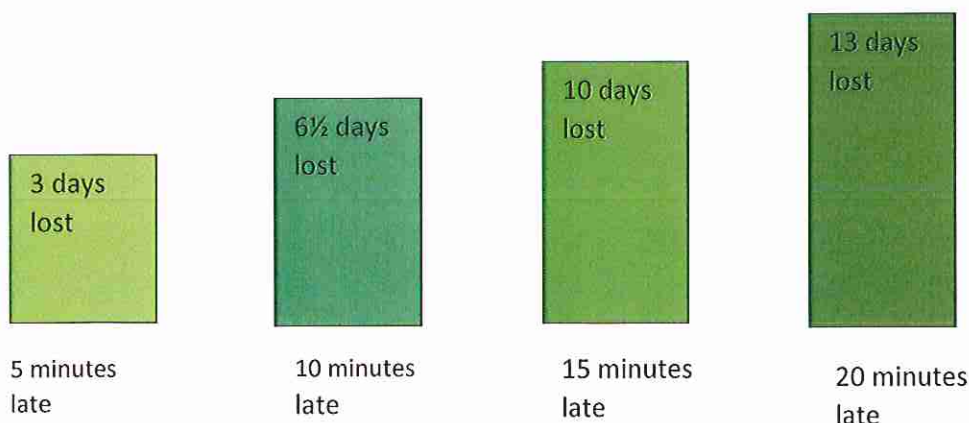
Registration and lessons start at 8.55 a.m. This means your child should be in the school grounds from around 8.45 a.m. The school gate closes at 8.55 a.m. for safeguarding and security reasons.

School mornings can be hectic but when your child is late for school this means they are losing out on vital parts of their education. Being as little as five minutes late each day is the equivalent of missing three full days of school in one year!

Being in school on time:

- Is a positive start to the day
- Helps your child get the most from their education
- Establishes routine and helps your child get into good patterns for the future
- Helps your child to maintain relationships

A few minutes each day soon add up!





Hints and Tips for Good Attendance and Punctuality.

Attend the school Breakfast Club—open from 8am every school day. This way your child will be in school on time and ready to learn!

Arrange your child's doctors, dentists and hospital appointments for after school whenever possible.

Talk to your child about school and any problems they might have.

Tell your child how important school is.

Remember to let your child know how much being ready for school on time helps the whole family.

Ensure your child is awake in plenty of time every school morning, so make sure they get plenty of sleep!

Teach your child how to set their alarm clock.

Implementing no TV some school mornings may be a good idea.

Encourage your child to prepare their school uniform and equipment for school the night before.

Take family holidays during school holiday periods.

Remember, if your child is absent.....

- Contact the school on the first day of absence
- Advise the school as to how long you think your child will be absent if possible
- Contact the school if your child remains absent and give an explanation as to why
- Send a letter with your child when they return to school explaining the absence
- Provide medical evidence if your child has had 14 or more sessions absence (not necessarily consecutive)