



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

A C H I E V E M E N T F O R A L L

My Ref: IT/CAG

Your Ref:

Date:

September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

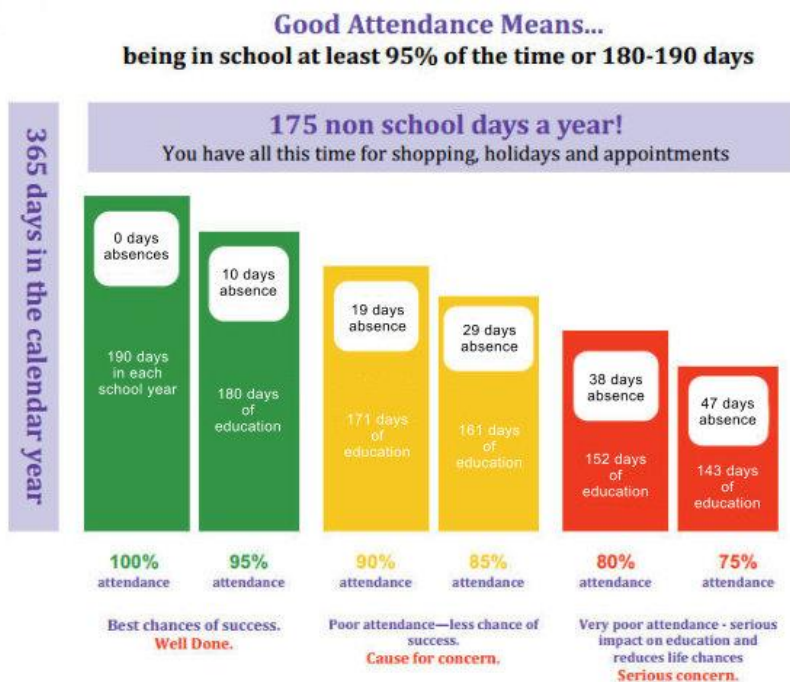
Attendance

Cannock Chase High School is a successful school and your child plays their part in making it so. We are committed to providing a full and effective education for all of our students to ensure they achieve their potential in all that they do. We believe that all students benefit from the education we provide and from regular and punctual school attendance and good behaviour. To this end, we will do all we can to ensure that all students attend school, on time, every day the school is open, unless the reason for absence is unavoidable.

Non-attendance at school is one of the single biggest blocks to achievement. Whether absence is due to illness, term-time holidays, other condoned absences, or truancy. Not being at school disadvantages children.

At KS4, nationally pupils not achieving grade 9 to 4 in English and maths had an overall absence rate of 8.8%, compared to 5.2% among those achieving grade 4. At Cannock Chase High School our 2022 GCSE results mirror this. Students who had good school attendance performed better in their GCSE's.

Setting good patterns of attendance is vital. An attendance rate of 90% may sound impressive in the first instance, but it actually means that a student only attends school for 4.5 days out of every 5. This, over a five-year span, equates to a child missing out on an entire half a year of their education.



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INTEGRITY

TEAMWORK

RESPONSIBILITY

EXCELLENCE

RESILIENCE

In order to support the school in maintaining high attendance across the school we ask that parents/carers:

- Encourage their child(ren) to attend school on time every day school is open;
- Ensure that your child is on time. Students should be in their tutor room for 8:45am for the register to be taken, otherwise they will be marked as late. 3 lates in an academic year will result in a C3 detention.
- Ensure they contact the school as soon as possible (i.e. on the first day of absence before 8.45 am and on every day of absence following this) whenever their child is unable to attend school attendance@cannockchase-high.staffs.sch.uk **email is the preferred method** for you to communicate, please only phone and leave a message if you cannot access emails (01543 502450 Ext 212); Please note that these messages/emails will not be replied to unless requested.
- Make medical, dental or other appointments outside the school day;
- Avoid taking holidays during term time. Holidays will **not** be authorised (unless in exceptional circumstances) therefore, parents/carers may be subject to a Penalty Notice. This is in line with Staffordshire County Council's Code of Conduct;
- Provide the school with up-to-date home, work and emergency telephone numbers.

'Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly.' (DFE May 2022).

Covid-19 (In line with the updated guidance from DFE)

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days after the day they took the test**, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should **continue to attend as normal**.

If a student is off school due to Covid-19, this is now classed as a respiratory infection and will be coded as I (Illness).

If you would like more information about school attendance, the Attendance Policy is available on the school website.

<https://www.cannockchasehigh.com/MainFolder/documents/Policies/Attendance-Policy-June-2019-C-Worrall.pdf>

We hope that together we can ensure your child receives the best chances at achieving success in school through better attendance.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Simpson
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