

Regular Attendance

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Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall well-being.

Authorised Absences



Schools must only grant leaves of absence for specific circumstances set out in the 2024 attendance regulations.

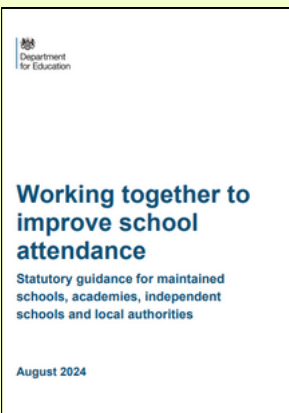
The permitted circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance or employment abroad
- Attending an interview
- Study leave
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable
- Exceptional circumstances

See the guidance (paragraph 37).

Unfortunately a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

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Penalty Notice Changes



There are significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time, effective from 19 August 2024.

What you need to know:

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New penalty rates:
£160 per parent per child, **£80** if paid within 21 days.

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Second offence within 3 years:
£160 with no discount.

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Penalty after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period. This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.

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Max 2 penalties in 3 years per child. Further offences may lead to prosecution.

Regular attendance helps your child succeed!
Contact us if you have any questions.

Late to School



School registers close at **9.15am**. The guidance states, '*If a pupil...arrives...after the register has closed, the attendance register must be amended to record them as absent using code U or another absence code that is more appropriate.*'

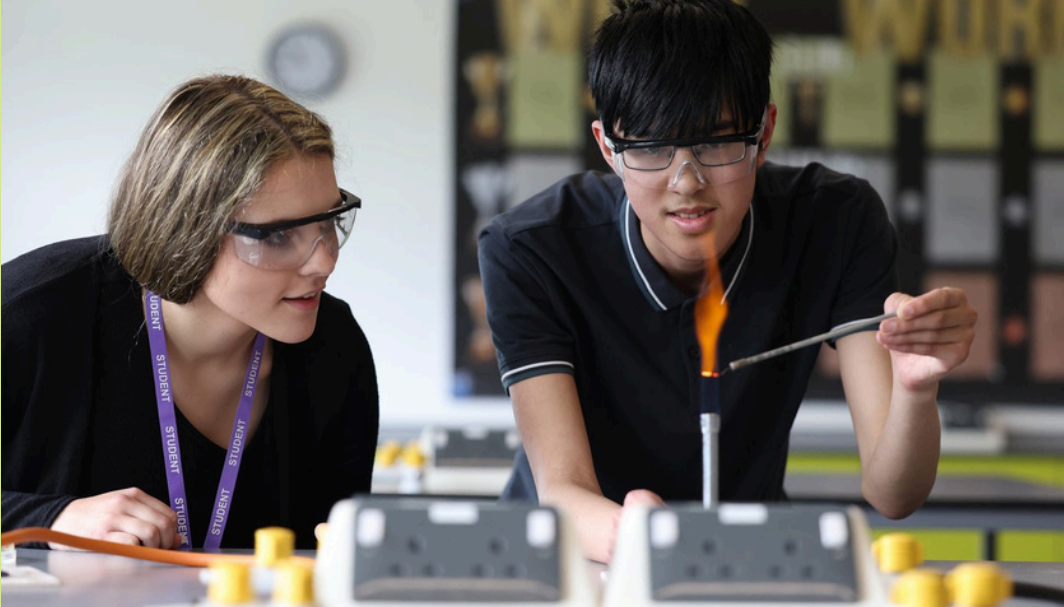
This means that a child who arrives between 9.15am and 12.25pm will be marked as an unauthorised absence, unless there is a reason set out in the authorised absences section.



ATTENDANCE UPDATES

New Statutory
Government
Guidelines for 2024





Academic Benefits



Better Learning	Regular attendance helps children keep up with lessons & understand material.
Steady Progress	Attending school every day means students don't fall behind and can stay on track.
Higher Grades	Being in school regularly gives children more chances to improve their marks.
Increased Participation	Regular attendance helps children get involved in lessons and activities.
Extra Support	Children who attend regularly have better access to teachers and extra help when needed.

Social Benefits



Improved Social Skills	Being in school helps children make friends and learn how to work with others.
Sense of Belonging	Attending regularly helps children feel part of the school community.
Teamwork	Working with classmates in lessons and activities builds teamwork skills.

Wellbeing Benefits



Emotional Stability	Routine helps children feel secure and less anxious.
Good Habits	Regular attendance builds important life skills like time management and responsibility.



If you would like more information about the government statutory guidelines and the school's policy, which can be found on our website, **please email: attendance@maghullhigh.com**

Additional Support



Following the new government statutory guidance around attendance, we want to reiterate the support that is available to our young people and their family.

At Maghull High School we are committed to fostering a supportive and nurturing environment that prioritises the mental health and wellbeing of every student.

Our dedicated Wellbeing Support Team is here to provide the resources, guidance, and care needed to help students thrive both academically and personally.

There are several external agencies who also provide support for young people and their families. Click the logo to find out more information:



Online wellbeing community offering ways to manage emotions, helpful habits, podcasts and more!



A great app to help with every day worries and to help look after yourself using meditation and breathing techniques.



An app to help learn hundreds of meditations to help with sleep and feelings of worry.



Emotional and practical support and guidance for children, young people and families



A mental health charity offering online counselling to those aged 8-21, who cannot afford or access support quickly.

