



Good attendance at English Martyrs means...

...being in school at least 95% of the time (180-190 days)

365 days in a calendar year



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%



Good time keeping at English Martyrs means...

...being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn.

Good Punctuality Matters!

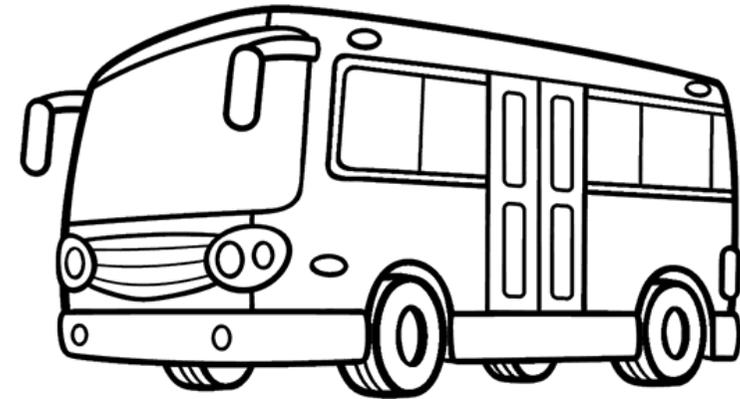


DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of school in one year?



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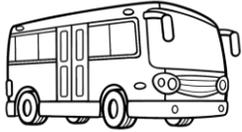
Through Christ we believe, inspire, achieve.



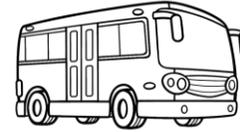
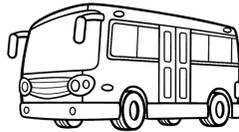
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Attendance Initiative

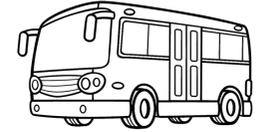
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Background:

After meeting with our School Council before half-term, they voted unanimously in favour of a new initiative designed to reward good attendance this year, called '**Don't Miss The Bus!**' We will still be awarding 100% attendance certificates for those with 99% or higher each term and for the overall academic year, but felt that if a child had better than 97% attendance and had only been ill for a couple of days, they were missing out.

What is it?

We wanted a way to recognise those who managed to achieve 97%+ during the year. We will track all pupils' attendance from **Monday 5th November until Friday 5th July**. All children who achieve 97% or greater attendance at the end of this period will automatically take part in a day trip out on a bus, that will take place in the fortnight before the end of the year.

Where's the bus going to?

The School Council will be taking votes on where the destination for this day out should be. Some of the destinations already discussed have been the beach, Crosby Lakeside and the cinema! This will be decided upon later in the year.

How does it work?

School is open for 190 days a year. This equates to 380 sessions (AM and PM). So a child gaining 100% attendance will have 380 sessions present. **A child who is absent for 6 days will have missed 12 sessions and have an overall attendance of 97%.** All children who have 6 days or less **authorised absence** in this period, will automatically be included. Any children who are absent for more than 6 days (e.g. 7 or more days) in this period will not.

What about Medical Appointments?

Children who have medical appointments and provide appointment cards for their conditions *will not be disadvantaged by the scheme*. As a general reminder to all parents, general appointments for dentists and doctors that can be made out of school hours should at all times.

But we are planning a family holiday!

Family holidays are not authorised by default and many families are being fined for taking holidays in term time. *Family holidays will count against the overall attendance* for the child and could impact upon them being part of this fun day out.

Punctuality counts too!

Being on time for school is equally important. Children who are late each day, miss out on the opportunity to learn and this adds up over the course of the year. Children who are late after registers close (9.30am) fail to get an attendance mark for that session.

What happens to those children who miss the bus?

They will still be expected to attend school on the day that the event is held. If we had run this initiative last year, **133** pupils would have made the bus. This is less than half of our school population. It would be great to have half or more pupils making it this year!

On receipt of this letter, the scheme begins! We will be tracking attendance for DON'T MISS THE BUS from MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER until FRIDAY 5th JULY 2019 for this academic year.

Yours faithfully,

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