

TIPS FOR IMPROVING ATTENDANCE



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Talk about the importance of good attendance. Consider...

- What they're missing out on when they don't go to school.
- Showing up to school every day is an important skill that will help them become successful in life.
- Learning a habit of good attendance will help them keep a job in the future. In most jobs, regular non-attendance won't end well!

Show your interest in their school attendance:

- Speak to them about their day and what they have learned.
- Check Show My Homework to see what homework they have.
- Check SchoolGateway to see how many APs / BPs they have.
- Make sure to read all letters / communications from school.
- Attend parents' evenings, review your child's reports with them, and reward them for good performance and effort.

Track their attendance:

Create attendance goals together and track their progress in a notebook or calendar. You could try giving small rewards for not missing school, e.g. later bedtime on Friday and Saturday.

Come up with a back-up plan for getting to school:

Develop a backup plan for ensuring that your child gets to school if they miss a bus, a friend who usually gives them a lift can't make it that day, etc.

Communication is key – don't be afraid to ask for help:

- Contact the school for assistance and support – the key people are your child's Form Tutor, Head of Year, and the pastoral team.
- Teachers may have insights into why your child is missing school or doesn't want to attend. Form Tutors are always here to help!