

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE

Children and Families Service staff have backgrounds in Social Work, Teaching, Community Learning and Development and Education Welfare. They work with partners to support children, young people and their families by providing professional support and advice.

HOW CAN YOU CONTACT THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE?

Duty Officer is available 0900 hrs - 1700 hrs.

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Attending School Every Day Counts



At first glance the attendance figures for Dundee pupils are similar to the national average. An attendance level of 94.3% in primary and 90% in secondary may seem good until we consider what this looks like in days and weeks lost to learning.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AND TIME KEEPING IS IMPORTANT

Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.

We know that children who do not attend or who are late for school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind in their school work
- Find it difficult to make and keep friends
- Be unhappy at school
- Become involved in antisocial behaviour

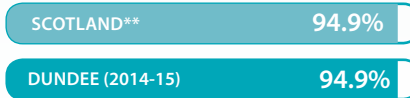
Setting good attendance and time keeping patterns from an early age helps children and young people later on in life. Employers want to recruit people who are reliable so young

people with a poor school attendance record may have less chance of getting and keeping a good job.



WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE LEVEL IN OUR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS?

PRIMARY



SECONDARY



** Scottish figure is based on the most recent 2012-2013 Census data

HOW MANY DAYS OF EDUCATION ARE LOST EACH YEAR BECAUSE OF ABSENCE?

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SECONDARY



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HOW CAN YOU WORK WITH US TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE?

- Early morning aches and pains often pass, so don't keep your child at home 'just in case' when they could be learning in class.
- Contact the school on the first day of absence.
- When your child returns to school, give them a note saying why and when they have been absent.
- Take family holidays during school holiday periods.
- Tell the school immediately when the your contact details or your emergency contact details change. (e.g address, telephone number or mobile number)

WHAT WE DO TO SUPPORT YOU?

If your child is absent and you do not contact the school, a text message will be sent on the first day of absence and on a daily basis until you tell them why your child is absent. If the school has no telephone contact number, a letter will be sent to your home. If the absence continues with no explanation, an Education Resource Worker will contact you directly at your home.

If the school is concerned about absence levels, they will write to you to say why they are concerned and ask you to meet with them. When absence is not because of illness, the school will support you to help your child improve attendance. If appropriate a referral will be made to the School Community Support Service.

