

Attendance and Punctuality

As a school we know the importance that attendance has on a pupil's achievement and attainment. Research suggests that students whose attendance drops below 90% significantly underachieve when compared with students whose attendance is 96% or above.

Students have an attendance Target of 96%

We will work in partnership with parents / carers to ensure that every student can meet their potential. It is crucial therefore that students attend school **each and every day**. Your support in ensuring this happens would be greatly appreciated.

Medical and dental appointments should be made **outside of school hours** unless it is a medical / dental emergency. We require evidence of **ALL** medical / dental appointments and students should present these to the school reception.

Please note that if your child is absent this should be reported to the school office before **8:30am**.
(020 3967 7030).

Students and parents / carers experiencing difficulties with attendance matters should contact the school at the earliest opportunity and talk to their child's Head of Year.



If you require further information regarding Attendance, please refer to the school Attendance Policy, found here:

<https://www.barkingabbeysschool.co.uk/home/school-info/attendance-and-punctuality/>

The school gates close at 8:30am, if your child arrives after this, they are late.

If your child arrives late to school, without a valid reason from home, they will be sanctioned with a 30-minute after school reflection that day. This will be communicated with families by the Reception Team. If your child arrives after 9:20am, they will remain in reception until a family member has been spoken to, to provide us with a reason for their absence. This will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which could lead to Local Authority intervention.

Students are expected to arrive on time for all lessons. Arriving late to lesson means that students miss out on the Connect phase of the lesson, which is integral for promoting memory and retention.

In line with the BA Way and the BA Character Charter we expect learners to be responsible for their own time keeping and management. If you are not on time, you are late. These habits will help promote positive work and learnings habits through student's time at Barking Abbey. But also, into the wider world when they leave.

We teach students that **Attendance and Punctuality Matters!**