

Are you having problems getting your child to school for any of these reasons?

- Won't get out of bed in the morning
- Won't go to bed at night
- Can't find their uniform or book bag
- Slow to eat their breakfast
- Watching TV
- Are worried about their homework or something happening in school
- It's their birthday

If so, a set routine can help:

- Have a set time to go to bed
 - Have a set time to get out of bed
 - Get their uniform and book bag ready the night before (especially after weekends and holidays)
 - Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
 - Set a time for daily homework activities
 - Speak about school positively
 - Speak to the class teacher if something is worrying your child
 - Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday & the last day of term!
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Who Can Help?

Mrs Saunders

Mrs Saunders is our Attendance Officer, You can speak to her in confidence and she can offer support and guidance to parents and families who may need some ideas, advice or even an ear to talk to about anything connected with your child and the other issues which impact on family life.

Mrs Saunders is available Monday to Friday.

Email: longcross@oasislongcross.org

- ☞ Telephone 0117 903 0333
- ☞ You can make an appointment via the office
- ☞ Ask the Class Teacher/LSA to pass on message

We are committed to improving attendance in order to improve the attainment and academic achievement of all children



ABSENCE AND LATENESS FACT SHEET

What Parents & Carers need to know



Lateness

Being late for school can:

- ☞ Disrupt lessons
- ☞ Affect children's achievement, regardless of their academic ability
- ☞ Embarrass or upset your child
- ☞ Cause your child unnecessary stress and worry

Imagine...

Your own embarrassment if you arrive late for a meeting or an event and have to slip in at the back without drawing attention to yourself, try to get up-to-speed with what is being said and try to piece together what has already been said...

Now imagine...

Your child having to do that when they arrive late for school.

Being late for school on a regular basis adds up to loss of learning:

5 minutes late every day

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3 days lost each year

or

4 weeks over their time at Oasis Long Cross

Is 80% attendance good?

An 80% attendance mark is:

1 day off every week

*Over their time at Oasis Long Cross that's the same as missing 2 terms in Year 5 **AND** the whole of Year 6*

Why is regular attendance important?

Regular school attendance means that your child will have a better chance in life. They will learn more, make more friends, be happier and have a brighter future.

Missing school means missing out

Would you think it was acceptable if your child's teacher did not come to school to teach your child for a week because they had gone on holiday in term-time?

Keeping children away from school for no good reason is a criminal offence and can result in a fine of £60 per parent (or £120 if not paid within 21 days). If the fine isn't paid it could result in parents being taken to court and a maximum fine of £2,500 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment

Most children should have attendance of around 97% but this is still the equivalent of having 5 days off in a year.

Prolonged absence from school can lead to children feeling lonely and make it harder for them to make friends

Keep an eye for early signs of your child not wanting to go to school, such as moodiness, headaches or stomach aches. Act upon these signs **early** and don't be afraid to speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Saunders if something is worrying you or your child.