

WAS YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL TODAY?



As the parent or carer of a child who is registered at Cavendish Close Junior Academy, you must ensure that your child:

- arrives at school on time
- attends each day the school is open

You have an important part to play!

Starting from Year 3, make sure that your child attends school regularly, arrives on time and keeps to the school rules (Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Engaged).

- Take an interest in your child and the work done at school.
- If you are worried about your child – contact school.
- Work together to help your child succeed.
- If your child is absent for any reason, contact the school on the first day of absence.
- Let school know in advance if your child is going to be late or needs to come out of school for an appointment. Proof of the appointment must be shared with academy staff.

Section 444 of the Education Act, 1996 says:

“If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school, his/her parent is guilty of an offence.”

If the reasons given for your child’s irregular school attendance are not satisfactory, then the Education Welfare Service may take legal proceedings against you for failure to comply with the Law. This may result in:

- A Fixed Penalty Notice payable up to **£100** fine
- Prosecution under s444 (l) Education Act 1996, where, if convicted, you may be fined up to **£1000**
- Prosecution under s444 (l)(a) Education Act 1996, where, if convicted, you may be fined up to **£2500 and/or 12 weeks imprisonment.**

The Law also says that “**Lateness constitutes absences!**” It is held that persistent lateness is not “**full time**” education. (Hinchley v. Rankin 1961).

Remember: School registration starts at 8:50am and the doors are open from 8:40am