

Top Tips for Supporting Your Child's Attendance

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Encouraging Regular School Attendance and Positive Habits

Regular school attendance is essential for your child's academic success, personal growth, and social development. Helping your child understand the importance of being present at school every day sets a strong foundation for their learning and helps foster positive relationships with peers.

Engage in Open Conversations About School

Take time to ask your child about their school day in a way that feels natural, such as, "What was the highlight of your day?" or "What did you learn today?" This promotes an open line of communication, allowing your child to share their experiences and feel supported.

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Address Concerns Early

If your child is hesitant about attending school, it's important to listen to their concerns and address any issues they may be facing. Whether it's academic or social challenges, or other personal concerns, understanding the cause will help you provide the right support. Don't hesitate to reach out to the school for advice or assistance.

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Establish Consistent Routines

A consistent routine, especially in the mornings and evenings, can significantly reduce stress and help your child prepare for school more easily. A well-structured routine ensures they have enough time to organize their schoolwork, complete homework, and get adequate rest.

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Plan Appointments Around School Hours

If possible, try to schedule appointments outside of school hours to avoid disruptions to your child's attendance. If an appointment is unavoidable during school time, encourage your child to attend school either before or after the appointment.

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Support Extra-Curricular Activities

Getting involved in extracurricular activities can help your child feel more connected to the school community. These activities can boost confidence, foster new friendships, and contribute to a positive overall experience at school.

Watch for Changes in Behaviour

If you notice any changes in your child's behaviour or attitude towards school, it may be helpful to have a conversation with the school's pastoral team. Identifying potential issues early allows for timely intervention and support.

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Notify the School of Absences

If your child needs to miss school, it is important to inform us promptly. Please notify the school via the **Arbor App** or by emailing admin@birchwoodhigh.org.uk. If we don't receive an absence notification by 9:15 am, we will follow up with a phone call to ensure your child's safety.

Stay Organised with School Information

Ensure your child has access to their timetable and that it is kept in a visible location. This simple step helps them stay organised and prepared for the day ahead.

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Keep Your Contact Details Up to Date

Please ensure the school has your most recent contact information. This ensures we can reach you quickly should the need arise.

Foster Positive Attendance and Behaviour Habits

Building good habits takes time, but with a consistent approach to attendance and behaviour, your child will be more likely to succeed academically and personally. Encourage them to stay engaged and maintain a positive attitude toward their education.