

Attend to Learn

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| Very Good | Worrying | Causing Serious Concern |
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The effect of absence on School Progress

A whole year has 365 days.
A school year has only 190 days that leaves:
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

| No absence | 10 days absence | 12 days absence | 19 days absence | 29 days absence | 38 days absence |
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| 190 days of education | 180 days of education | 178 days of education | 171 days of education | 161 days of education | 152 days of education |
| 100% | 95% | 94% | 90% | 85% | 80% |
| Very Good Best Chance of Success. Gets your child of to a flying start. | Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress. | | Serious Concern Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action. | | |

Remember: 90% attendance is equal to one day off per fortnight

Danger Zone: 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success. Your SAT result could drop by one sub-level across all subjects. Are you heading for the Danger Zone?

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| 5 minutes late each day | 3.5 days lost |
| 10 minutes late each day | 6.5 days lost |
| 15 minutes late each day | 10 days lost |
| 20 minutes late each day | 13 days lost |
| 25 minutes late each day | 19 days lost |



For your child to get the best start in life they need to receive the best education possible. It's really important to attend school regularly to ensure good habits are developed for life.

Aim for your child to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality to give them the very best chance in life.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Why Attendance is so Important for your Child?

Research shows that children with poor attendance are at a disadvantage later in life. They often:

- * Are less likely to gain good qualifications
- * Find it harder to make and maintain friendships
- * Earn lower wages
- * Have a higher chance of being unemployed
- * Have less confidence

Poor attendance and punctuality even at the earliest age, can affect achievement in later life. Establishing good habits from the start helps children to settle more quickly into new settings and routines.

What Must I do if my Child is Absent?

- Parents/Carers must telephone on the day if their child is absent before 9 am
- You must keep school informed and let them know of the return date

Holidays in school time are not authorised as they seriously disrupt the continuity of your child's learning. Parents can be issued with a penalty notice (fine) for taking their children on holiday during term time.

Evidence shows the true impact of children and young people missing school:

- 10 minutes late to school every day = 32 hours a year of lost education
- 1 day a week of school missed = 2 months a year of lost education,
- Half a day a week missed, throughout school life = one full year of lost education!

Whether your child is absent for a morning or a day, or you have trouble getting him/her to school, first talk to your child's teacher, they'll try to help. There is lots of support available in school and through your local council.

Just ask!