

## ATTENDANCE

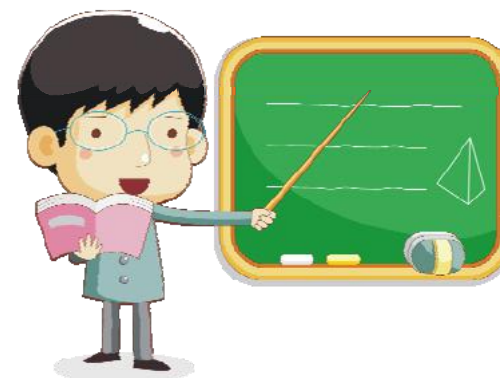
100% Attendance	0 Weeks of learning missed	Best chance of success well done
95% Attendance	1 week, 4 days of learning missed	Best chance of success well done
90% Attendance	3 weeks, 4 days of learning missed	Poor attendance we are worried
85% Attendance	5 weeks, 3 days of learning missed	Poor attendance we are worried
80% Attendance	7 weeks, 3 days of learning missed	Very poor attendance we are seriously concerned
75% Attendance	9 weeks, 1 day of learning missed	Very poor attendance we are seriously concerned

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

365 days in a year	190 school days in total	Absence
100% Attendance	190 days attendance	No absence
95% Attendance	180 days attendance	2 weeks absence
90% Attendance	171 days attendance	4 weeks absence
85% Attendance	161 days attendance	6 weeks absence
80% Attendance	152 days attendance	More than half a term
75% Attendance	143 days attendance	More than 9 weeks absence

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

5 minutes late each day	3 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
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost



# Attend to Learn

Guide for Parents/Carers



For your child to get the best start in life they need to receive the best education possible

It's really important to attend regularly in Nursery and Reception 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.**



### 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! Absence in early years could impact on your child's attainment and opportunities for the future. Patterns of behaviour are set early on. Bad habits develop at primary school, children can struggle at secondary school or be at increased risk of harm if poor attendance habits develop.