

Attendance

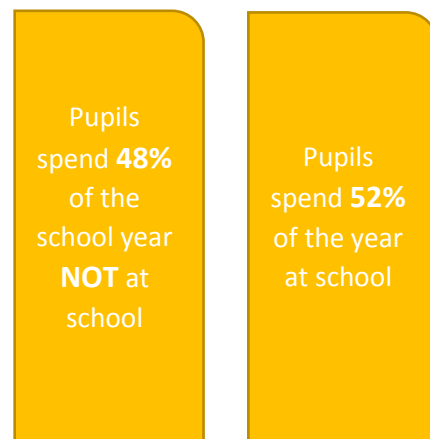
Excellent attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. Children who frequently miss school often fall behind. There is a strong link between attendance and achieving good results.

Our focus on attendance means that we monitor the attendance of every pupil. Where we have cause for concern we may do one or more of the following.

- Telephone you.
- Send you a letter or email.
- Invite you in for a meeting, with your son's form tutor or member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Make a home visit.
- In the last resort, we will ask the Local Authority to issue you with a penalty notice.

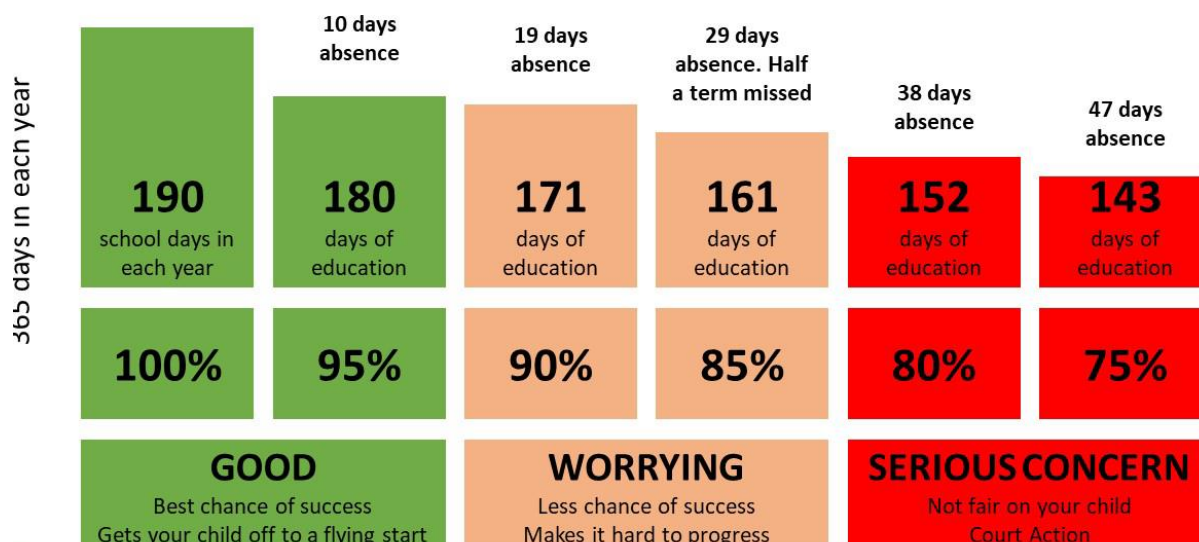
Every school day counts towards your child's future. Days Off school equal lost learning. In total there are 175 Non-school days a year, this gives families ample opportunity to spend together, visit family, take holidays, go shopping and attend some routine appointments.

When year 11 pupils apply for college placements or Employment, the school is often asked for a reference which will include a history of the pupil's attendance. If poor, this could affect their ability to find employment and college placements.



A child who is absent for one day a week, over the course of Their school career will mean that they miss two whole years of their education.

There are approximately 175 non-school days a year. This gives 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child at home when they are unwell. There are government guidelines for schools that say when a child should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you keep your son at home, it is important to phone the school office before 8:30am on each day of absence. We need to know that your son will not be and the reason for it.

If the absence is COVID-19 related please refer to the latest government guidelines, they can be found on the link below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

Below is a list of common illnesses and information.

<p><u>Chickenpox</u> If your son has chickenpox, keep them off school until the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots appear.</p>	<p><u>Fever</u> If your son has a fever, it is best to keep them off school until it has gone. A normal temperature is around 37 degrees Celsius, a high temperature is 38 degrees Celsius and above.</p>
<p><u>Cold sores</u> There is no need to keep your son off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister</p>	<p><u>Head lice</u> There is no need to keep your son off school if they have nits or head lice. You should seek to treat them as soon as you are aware of their presence.</p>
<p><u>Conjunctivitis</u> You do not need to keep your son off school if they have conjunctivitis, but you should seek advice from a pharmacist for the best way to treat it.</p>	<p><u>Impetigo</u> Your son will need antibiotic treatment from a GP. Keep your son off school until the sores have crusted over or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.</p>
<p><u>Coughs and cold</u> You should send your son to school if they have a minor cough or a cold.</p>	<p><u>Vomiting & diarrhoea</u> Pupils should stay away from school for 24 hours (1 day) after the symptoms have gone</p>
<p><u>Ear infection</u> Seek medical treatment for antibiotics if needed, but there is no need to keep your son off school.</p>	<p><u>Headache</u> There is no need to keep your son off school if they have a headache. We can offer painkillers to your son with verbal consent from you.</p>
<p><u>Sore Throat</u> There is no need to keep your son off school if they have a sore throat. We can offer painkillers to your son with verbal consent from you.</p>	<p><u>Tiredness</u> This is not a reason to keep your son at home. This will be treated as unauthorised absence from school.</p>