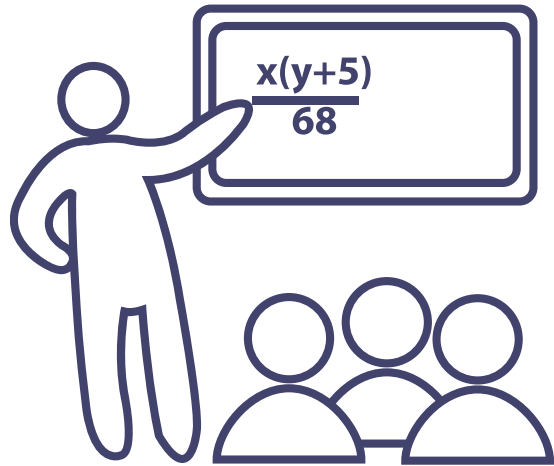




**WHAT IS GOOD
ATTENDANCE?**

What does good attendance mean to you?



Classrooms full of students ready to learn?



Rewards and opportunities?



100%? Maybe 98%?
Or perhaps 90%?

Is 90% good attendance?

90% **sounds** like a lot! It would be a good score on a test, for example. But is it good attendance for your child?

90%

90% attendance means your child **misses 10%** of their time at school.

This is equivalent to missing $\frac{1}{2}$ a **day every week**. That's three lessons worth of learning that your child is missing out on, **every week**.

That's a total of **19 days of absence** over the academic year.

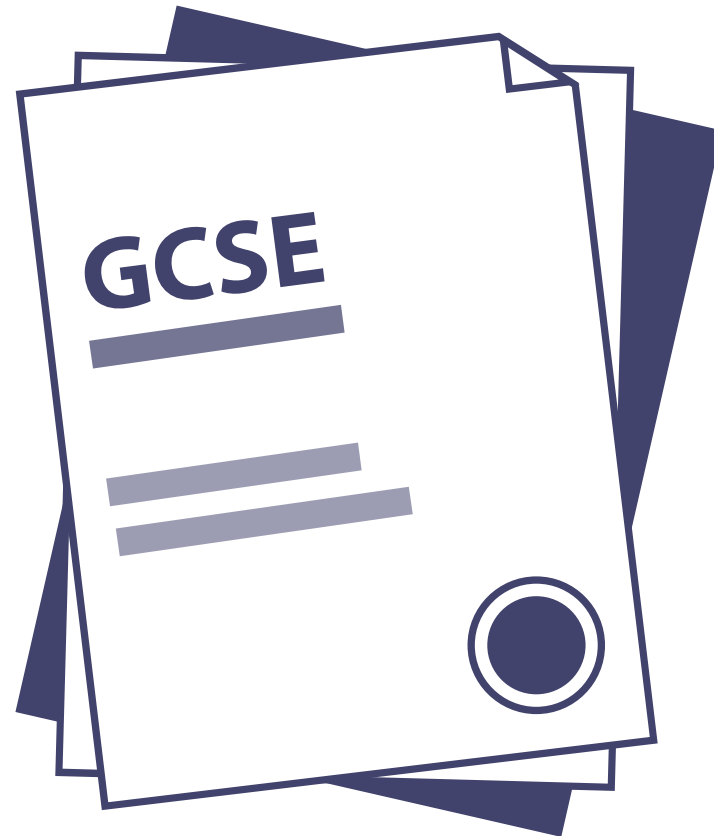
How could this affect my child?

Attendance is directly linked to achievement. Students who attend more get better grades.

Department for Education research shows that 17 school days of absence results in **all of a student's GCSE grades dropping by one grade.**

This could be the difference between passing or failing any of their courses.

Higher attendance means higher achievement. If your child's grades suffer because of poor attendance, the qualifications they miss out on could have a long term impact on their future.



How could this affect my child?

Good attendance is vital for your child to get the qualifications they need now to progress on to further education and open up career paths.

Attendance is the first step on this ladder to success. Without it, your child will be cut of from lots of opportunities in the future. This could impact their ability to get the job they want, and their potential earnings.

**No
qualifications**

£7.44

per hour



GCSEs

£9.02

per hour



A Levels

£10.25

per hour



**Graduate
degree**

£15.01

per hour



POTENTIAL EARNINGS

Attendance is a ladder to success



SUCCESS

CONFIDENCE

AMBITION

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is essential to academic success- it is the first step up the ladder to achievement. When a student attends and engages, they can develop ambition to do better; as they complete their goals, they gain the confidence to push themselves further; eventually, they succeed.

A student who does not attend cannot progress up this pathway.

Your child's attendance

Do you know what your child's attendance currently is?

Our target attendance is 98%, but we want all students and parents to aim for 100%!

If you have a concern about your child's attendance, speak to us so we can arrange ways to support you with this.

MYTHS

- **'Absences are only a problem if they are unauthorised'**. Authorised absences still affect your child's learning and opportunities in the same way.
- **'Sporadic absences are not a problem in the same way as consecutive ones'**. All absences contribute towards a larger issue of poor attendance.
- **'Attendance only matters in the older year groups'**. The Key Stage 3 curriculum acts as a foundation for learning in Key Stage 4. If your child has poor attendance in the lower years, they will be behind their peers when they reach their GCSEs.

When is absence necessary?

Good reasons to **STAY HOME**



Your child has a medical appointment that cannot be arranged outside school hours. Remember, you must provide proof of the appointment.



Your child is physically sick, has a temperature or a rash.

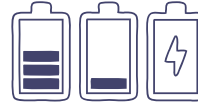


Your child has diarrhoea. However, they can come back in as soon as they feel better- you do not have to wait for 48 hours.

NOT REASONS to Stay Home



Your child has fallen out with friends. They need to talk to us to help solve the problem instead of avoiding it.



Your child feels tired. They need to sleep earlier instead of sleeping in.



Your child has forgotten or lost their mobile phone. These are not allowed in school anyway. If they need to contact you in an emergency, they can do so via the office.



Your child has headache. One of the most common reasons for this is dehydration. Make sure they have a drink to bring with them and take painkillers before school.

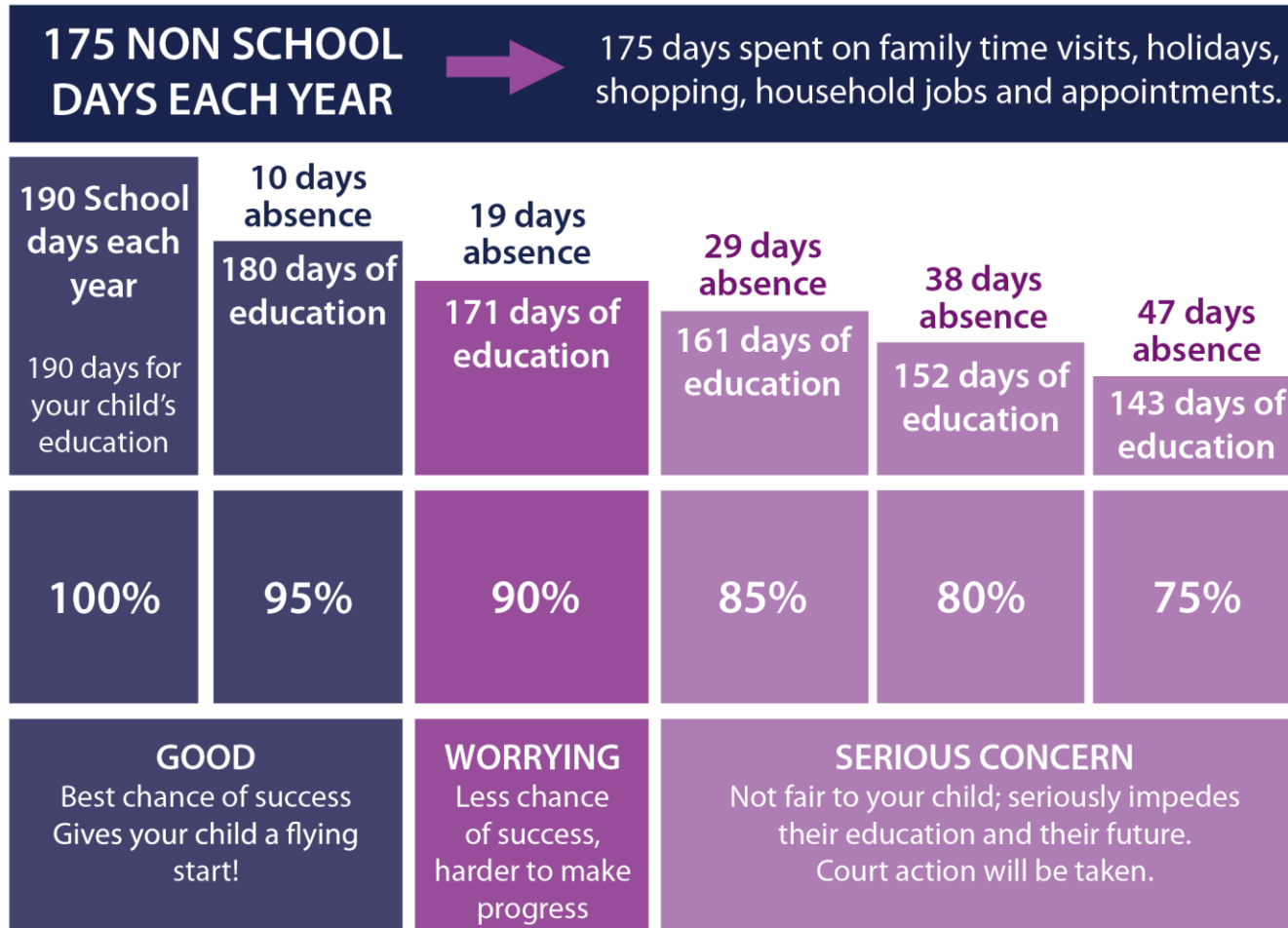
What can you do to help your child's attendance?

We know you want the best for your child, and to achieve this we need you to help us keep their attendance as high as possible. Every day of school missed is learning lost, and learning is what can help reach their future goals.

- **Phone us** as soon as you know your child will be absent
- Avoid taking **holidays in term time**.
- Only allow time off for **genuine illness**.
- Find out your child's attendance by contacting the **Attendance officer**.
- Look for signs of truancy absences you can't explain, discuss these with your child, and **listen to any issues** they are having in school.
- Report any concerns to your child's class tutor, or the **Education Welfare Officer**.
- **Praise, encourage, reward and expect good attendance**.

What can you do to help your child's attendance?

365 days each year



There is plenty of time outside of school hours and term time for routine appointments like the dentist or a GP check up- don't book them during school hours **unless absolutely necessary.**

Your child only gets the chance to attend school once. Every day they are absent is learning time they won't get back. To help them make the most of their time at school, make sure they are attending as much as possible.

Attend to Achieve. Every School Day Counts.

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS AN EXPECTATION.

Good attendance is an expectation for all our students. Attending school is an absolute minimum; good behaviour, impressive work and consistent engagement goes above and beyond and will be rewarded.

TEACHERS CAN ONLY TEACH YOUR CHILD IF THEY ARE PRESENT.

We have fantastic teachers who are dedicated to education and to their students, but they can only help your child to learn and succeed if you get your child into school. Help us to keep your child's attendance over 98% to give them the best possible chance of succeeding at school.