

School Attendance and Law

Children registered at school must attend regularly and punctually. As their parent or carer, you have a legal responsibility to ensure they do. Failure to do so may result in legal action being taken. Upon conviction, the maximum fine could be £2,500 and/or up to three months imprisonment.

Attendance Matters



Our three core values are **character**, **resilience** and **aspiration**. Children who attend school regularly will achieve their full potential. Not only does school provide high quality learning experiences to enrich children's lives, but we also provide numerous opportunities for children to develop social skills and to grow into well-rounded individuals. Good attendance means children will benefit greatly from these aspects of school life and it will help to them to develop their **character**, build their **resilience** and enhance their **aspirations**.

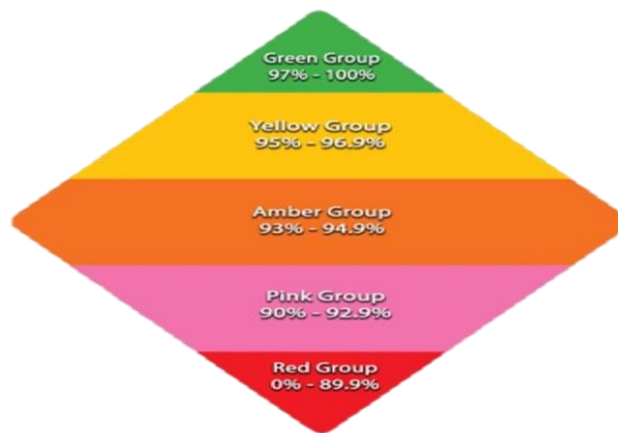
What can you do to help your child?

To avoid disrupting your child's education, you should arrange appointments and outings:

- after school hours
- at weekends
- during school holidays
- You should not expect Fortis Academy to authorise absences for a holiday during term time.
- not letting your child take time off school for minor ailments

There are 175 days per year which are non-school days for other activities such as holidays and days out.

Our Attendance Diamond shows where students are in terms of their attendance. They should be able to tell you what colour and what percentage attendance they have at all times throughout the year.



A Guide to School Attendance

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ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

Your Child's Education is Important.

- **Research** shows students with less than 90% attendance do dramatically less well in public examinations.
- **Employers** will want to be sure that the people they recruit are reliable. Children who have a poor school attendance record have less chance of getting a job.
- **Young** people who are off school for no good reason are at risk of becoming victims of crime or abuse. They may also be drawn into anti-social behaviour.

Is 90% Attendance Really Good Enough?

Students with **90%** attendance miss:

- 4 whole weeks of lessons each year
- half a year of their secondary education

Those students with attendance **90-94%** achieve up to a third of a grade higher in all GCSEs than those with attendance below **90%** and those with attendance higher than **94%** achieve over half a grade higher for every GCSE.

How does your child compare? (Look at the table below)

Attendance During one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately these many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed based on Fortis Academy Timetable
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Table below shows the number of hours missed weekly for **English and Maths** depending on your child's attendance

Attendance	Maths & English lessons missed (Foundation Academy)	Maths lessons missed (Senior Academy)	English lessons missed (Senior Academy)
95%	8 hours weekly	8 hours weekly	10 hours weekly
90%	16 hours weekly	16 hours weekly	20 hours weekly
85%	24 hours weekly	24 hours weekly	30 hours weekly
80%	32 hours weekly	32 hours weekly	40 hours weekly

How Qualifications can Affect Life

Statistics show a student who leaves with 5 good GCSEs will earn £350,000 more in their lifetime than those who leave without 5 good GCSEs. The chart below shows why attendance at school matters **NOW**.



Potential Average Earnings

Qualifications	Per Hour	Per Week	Per Year	Over 10 Years
No GCSE	£7.44	£290.16	£15,088.32	£150,883.20
GCSE	£9.02	£351.78	£18,292.56	£182,925.60
A Levels	£10.25	£399.75	£20,787.00	£207,870.00
Degree	£15.01	£585.39	£30,440.28	£304,402.80