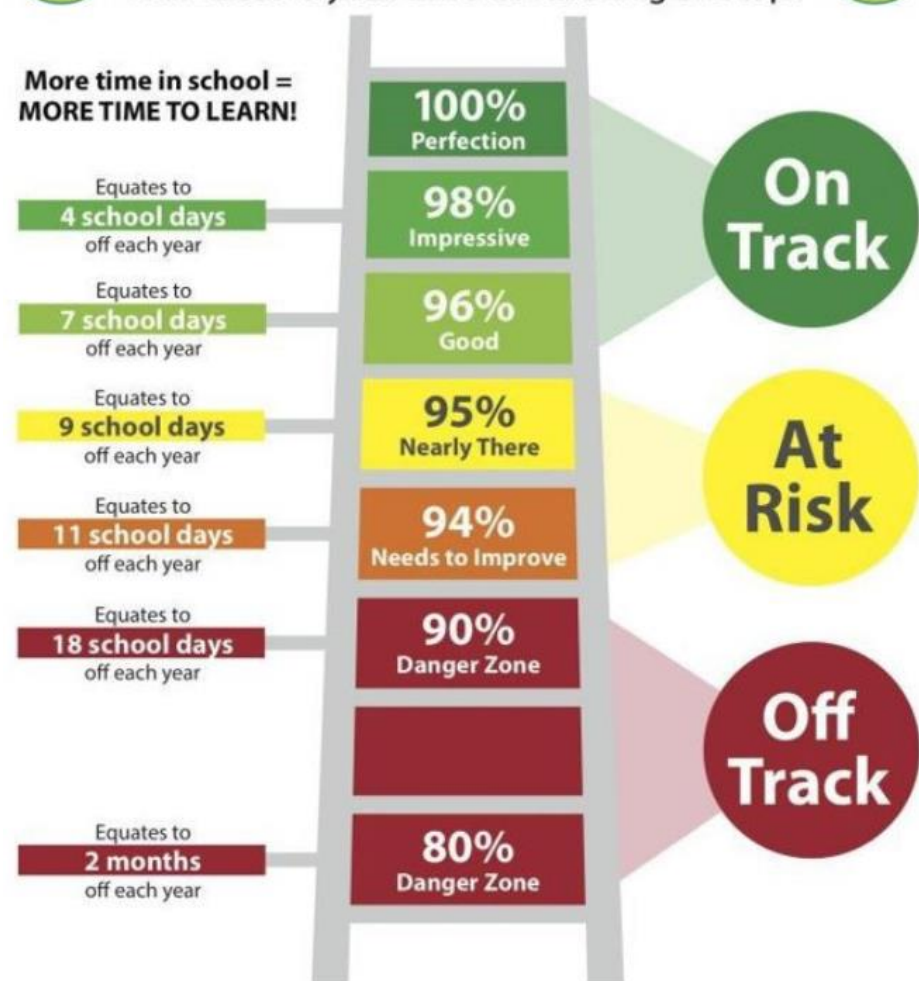


Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



For every day your child is absent from school, **over 6 hours** of instructional time is lost.

“Working with you to promote good attendance...”

Who do we have to report attendance to?

Our school works with the Local Authority to monitor and evaluate attendance and punctuality, including termly register checks, home visits and implementation of attendance procedures.

Ofsted inspect and judge schools on attendance and punctuality as part of their 'Behaviour and Attitudes' focus. It is therefore paramount that we work together as a school community to promote good attendance.

What does attendance look like?

100% - Perfection. Your child is able to access all of their learning, form friendships and form good habits. Children with 100% attendance are usually more settled in school and are able to enjoy all areas of school life. They are more likely to gain better qualifications and potentially will earn more in the future.

96% – On Track. Nationally, all schools and children are expected to achieve 96% attendance. Children are able to access most of their education and are still likely to achieve good qualification when they are older.

95% to 91% - At Risk. You will receive a text message to make you aware that your child's attendance is below the national expectation – this is a proactive approach to support you in improving your child's attendance. If no improvement is made, the school will contact you for a supportive discussion.

At 90% and below – Off track. a pupil is classed as a persistent absentee (as defined by the Department for Education). At this stage, parents may be called into school for a meeting to discuss concerns regarding attendance and a support plan put in place – this may also be a discussion via a phone call. A school education welfare officer will contact parents as soon as pattern emerges to avoid children reaching the persistent absentee level. Research shows that missing just 10% of school can result in children dropping a whole grade/level in achievement. 90% is equivalent to missing half a day at school each week—4 weeks of school in an academic year.

80% and below – Danger Zone. Any child in Stockton who has attendance of 80% and below will be highlighted on a register check by an Attendance Officer, who will investigate why attendance is so low. At this point school can refer parents to the Local Authority Attendance Officer for legal attendance procedures. Penalty Notice Procedures are followed in school for unauthorised absence and term time holidays.

If your child has low attendance (96% and below), you will be required to provide medical evidence so that the absence can be authorised. If you do not provide evidence, your child's absence will be 'unauthorised'. **Please visit our website for information relating to acceptable forms of medical evidence.**

How can you help your child to have good attendance?

- Avoid lateness and holidays in term time
- Contact school on the first day of absence
- Make routine dental and medical appointments after school or during holiday periods
- Only keep your child off school when they are genuinely poorly. They can still attend with a common cold and other minor illnesses. Contact school for advice if you are unsure
- Monitor your child's attendance using the MCAS app.

Registration closes at 9:00am and any child arriving after this time will be marked with late mark. If your child arrives extremely late (e.g. 10:00am), they will be allocated a 'U' which means that their lateness is classed as an unauthorised absence for the morning. Please phone school in advance if you are running late.

Please visit our school website for information relating to our 'Attendance Policy' and for how we 'Reward Good Attendance'.