

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

100%

Excellent attendance! Your child is able to access all of their learning, form friendships and get into good attendance habits. Children with excellent attendance are usually more settled in school and are able to enjoy all areas of school life. Children who have greater attendance are more likely to gain better qualifications and potentially earn more in the future.

95% and above

Very good attendance! Nationally, all schools and children are expected to achieve 95% attendance. Children are able to access most of their learning and are still likely to achieve good qualifications when they are older.

90%

At 90% attendance, research shows that missing 10% of school can result in children dropping a whole grade/level in achievement. 90% is equivalent to missing half a day of school each week and 4 weeks of school in an academic year. So, 90% may not be as good as it first seems!

85% and below

Any child in a school in Stockton-on-Tees who has 85% attendance and below will be highlighted on a register check by an Attendance Officer, who will investigate why attendance is so low. Pupils with attendance of 85% and below are called a **Persistent Absentee**.

80% and below

At this stage children will be missing at least one fifth of their education, which will significantly impact on their achievement. 80% is equivalent to missing 1 day of school a week. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, school should refer parents to the Attendance Officer for attendance procedures.

How To Help Your Child

Contact school on the first day of absence



Make routine dental and medical appointments after school or during the 13 weeks of holidays



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.



Avoid lateness and holidays in term time