

Attendance Matters

Tips for Success

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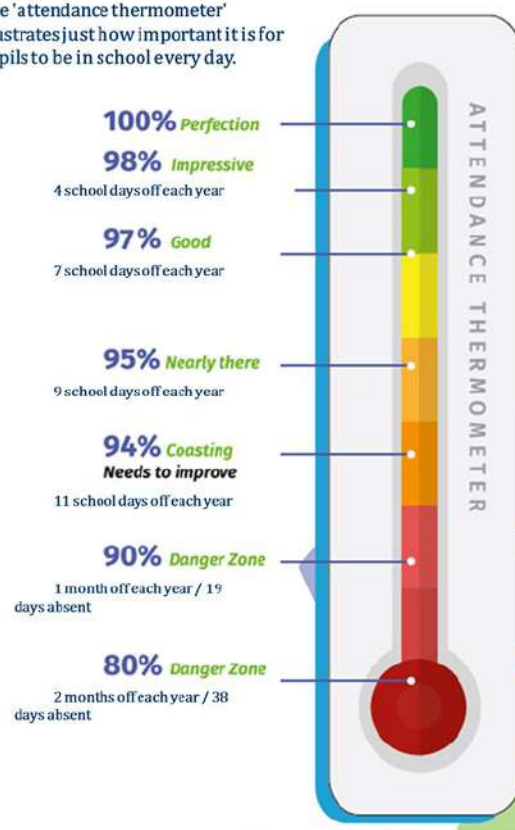
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The 'attendance thermometer' illustrates just how important it is for pupils to be in school every day.



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5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- ✓ Can achieve their full potential
- ✓ Have better career prospects
- ✓ Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- ✓ Grow in confidence
- ✓ Keep up with work and homework
- ✓ Make new friends

Holidays

There are
365 days
in a calendar
year

175 days
are **not** spent at
school*

**So there is plenty of
time for shopping,
holidays and
appointments!*

If your child has a holiday of **1 week** during term time and **10 days illness**, they would **miss 75 hours of education** in the academic year. If this pattern were to be repeated throughout your child's school life, they would miss almost **a year** of their education.

Children who go on holiday for a week during the term, may miss out on more than **1 week of work**. Before they go on holiday, they can be **distracted** and afterwards they may not be able to access **learning** because they have **missed out** on part of their **learning** journey.

Illness

Wherever possible please make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours

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If your child is likely to be off school for more than a couple of days, please contact the school as there will be work your child is able to complete at home so they do not fall too far behind.



14 days off in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%

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What you need to know

The Law

The Education Act 1996 requires parents to ensure their children of compulsory school age receive efficient full time education.

The law says that parents/carers whose children of compulsory school age are absent from school without good reason are committing an offense.

Unauthorised absence includes:

- Arriving after the register has closed at 9.30 am
- Shopping trips
- Birthday treats involving absence
- Visiting relatives

You need to be aware that, although you may provide a reason for absence, it is the school which decides if the absence is recorded as authorised or unauthorised.