



## Lost learning due to poor attendance...

At Southcoates Primary Academy, we realise the importance of all children attending school every day and on time. It makes a huge difference to the social and academic progress of children - every day really does count!

As a school, we set **a minimum expectation** for every child to achieve 96% for their attendance for the whole year. This mirrors the government expectation that all children will have at least 96% attendance.

Each day, our children have approximately 5 lessons when attending school. This table highlights how much valuable learning time your child could miss if they have poor attendance:

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
0 days	100%	0	Perfection
2 days	99%	10 lessons	Excellent
5 days	97%	25 lessons	Good
10 days	95%	50 lessons	Slight concern
20 days	90%	100 lessons	Concern
30 days	85%	150 lessons	Significant concern

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and are regularly late do not achieve their full potential – they do fall behind their peers!

The school gates are opened every day at 8.45am and all children should be in by 8:55am.

**Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time, ready to learn.**