Raise Your Child's Attendance, - Raise their Chances!

What does "*Good attendance*" mean?



Do you know what your child's attendance is?

Do you know what it means?

| Attendance | Days missed over | | | | |
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| Percentage | a school year | | | | |
| 100% | 0 days | | | | |
| 95% | 10 days | | | | |
| 90% | 20 days | | | | |
| 85% | 30 days | | | | |
| 80% | 40 days | | | | |

Is 90% attendance good? 90% attendance = ½ day missed every week!!



Let's looks a little closer.... 1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks. This is 100 lessons MISSED!!! (116 lessons for Year 11 students)



90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school....

= 1/2 a school year missed!

This is 516 missed lessons

| 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | | | 2023 | | | | | |
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What impact might this have on your child.....?

Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = GCSE grade DROP in achievement. (DfES) The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.

What could your potential earnings look like?

Graduate degree

A levels

A study by Department of Education has recorded that if you achieve one GSCE grade higher across nine subjects you could boost your earnings by £200,000 in your lifetime.

GCSEs

No qualifications

Qualifications

What do you want for your future?

90% in your maths test is excellent but 90% attendance is **not** as good as it first seemed.

Make the right choice for your child and support them with school attendance.

Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

 Find out regularly your child's absence. (Ask for half days if easier) and check this matches with your own record.

 Talk regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it. More likely to attend if they feel supported and anxieties listened to.

Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

Know routines of the school day to avoid 6. issues, e.g. have they got their PE kit? If you have concerns ring us – we will check 7. attendance and be discreet. PRAISE AND REWARD GOOD 8. ATTENDANCE: even small successes, e.g. going in promptly, even when first lesson is their worst!

Other tips to help secure good attendance:

1. If there is a problem with your child's attendance, talk calmly to your child and listen to the explanation. There is *always* an explanation. It may not impress you, but it counted enough with your child to make them truant. Pursuing the reason for non-attendance is important.

2. Talk to us to resolve issues. We may be able to help and support you and your child. You are not alone.

Other tips to help secure good attendance:

- Be particularly watchful and supportive in the run up to tests and aware of coursework deadlines.
- 4. Check homework diary regularly for gaps as well as completed activities.
- Help them catch up with missed work. A missed day doesn't mean missed work.
 Remember PRAISE for good attendance

Attend and Achieve!

If a school can improve attendance by 1%, they will see a 5-6% improvement in attainment. (Department for Education and Skills)
 Please help us and your child by ensuring your attendance remains high, this will allow you to achieve your potential.

We are here to help so please contact our Attendance Team if you have any concerns with your child's attendance.