

Attendance

The Law

The law states quite clearly that children between 5 and 16 years old must receive an education. As a parent or carer, YOU are responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education

Attendance During a School Year	Weeks of missed learning
95%	2 weeks
90%	4 weeks
85%	6 weeks (one whole term)
80%	8 weeks
75%	10 weeks
70%	11.5 weeks
65%	13.5 weeks (two terms)

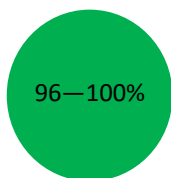
Number of days absent	Attendance % in a term
2 days	93%
3 days	90%
5 days	83%
8 days	73%
10 days	67%
15 days	50%

Lateness - how much time do you lose?

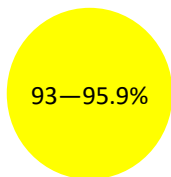
In a school year: **5 minutes** late every day = **3 days** of learning missed. **20 minutes** late every day = **3 weeks** of learning missed

Why is Matters

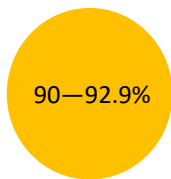
If children don't come to school regularly, they miss out on reading and maths skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into work.



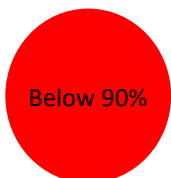
Attendance levels are good to excellent



Attendance levels are beginning to cause concern



Attendance levels causing significant concern



Attendance decreased to an unacceptable level—below persistent absence rate—despite interventions and support from school

What you can do

- Set regular bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and bags the night before
- Keep your child healthy with lots of exercise and less junk food
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, friend or another parent
- Try and schedule medical appointments and extended trips during school holidays
- If your child seems anxious, speak to school
- If you are concerned your child may be ill, speak to school for advice