

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons



The poster above shows what percentage attendance means to your child in terms of *lost learning*.

Excellent attendance at school is linked to better academic progress and attainment by ensuring your child has access to a broad, balanced and knowledge-rich curriculum. It also ensures that your child can benefit from the extra-curricular activities on offer at school that promote good social and emotional development.

80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.

Just a couple of minutes late each day = Lost Learning

Minutes late each day	Lost learning time each year
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	2 weeks

Please note: Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states: "Every child has a right to an education."

The NSPCC has also cited, 'failure to ensure regular school attendance which prevents the child reaching their full potential academically' as one of their six forms of neglect.