



MISS SCHOOL = MISS OUT!

✓ WHY ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS SO IMPORTANT

If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend their school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential.

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- ✓ To learn
- ✓ To make new friends
- ✓ To experience new things in life.
- ✓ To gain qualifications
- ✓ To develop new skills
- ✓ To build confidence and self-esteem.
- ✓ To have the best possible start in life.

KEY POINT

Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

✓ CAN ATTENDANCE MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO EXAM RESULTS?

Greater than 95%
Attendance

85% of pupils achieved 4+ in English and Maths when they attended more than 95%

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Less than 90%
Attendance

45% of pupils achieved 4+ in English and Maths when they attended less than 90%

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Less than 80%
Attendance

25% of pupils achieved 4+ in English and Maths when they attended less than 80%

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(Based on Wickersley's 2018 results)

✓ FAMILY HOLIDAYS

You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time. Any child or young person who is absent from school due to a holiday will miss out on important learning and will fall behind with their school work.

In each academic year there are only a maximum of 190 statutory school days - this allows plenty of time for holidays to be arranged outside term time.

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KEY POINT

Avoid taking family holidays during term time.

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✓ HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- ✓ Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- ✓ Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- ✓ Ensure your child arrives at school on time - not late.
- ✓ Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- ✓ Always inform school if your child is absent due to illness - this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
- ✓ If your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk - Who are they with? What are they doing?
- ✓ Do not take family holidays during term time.
- ✓ Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- ✓ Attend parents evenings and school events.
- ✓ Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.

KEY POINT

Parents of children aged between 4-16 years old who are enrolled in school are legally required to make sure they attend.



✓ JUST ONE DAY CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE



Topics will be missed that might not be taught again that school year.



Notifications of, or actual assessments/examinations may be missed.



It can impact socially as well as academically.

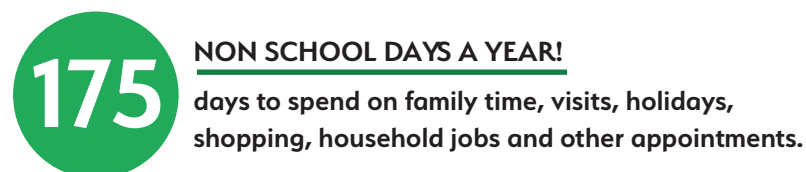


Ultimately poor attendance will lead to lack of progress in all areas.

✓ EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.



All absences from school affect your learning!

For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year - that's nearly 4 school weeks.

KEY POINT

Give your child the best start in life - every school day counts!