

90% attendance is.....

- ✚ Half a day missed every week! (Would your boss like you to be off work this much? It's practically part time)
- ✚ Nearly four whole weeks of lessons missed in a school year!
- ✚ Half a school year missed over five years!



What impact might this have on your child's life?

Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = **GCSE grade DROP!** (DFES)

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.



The greater the achievement the more your son or daughter can earn in the future

This can lead to a better standard of living



So 90% is not as good as it first seemed

What can you do as a parent to increase your child's attendance?



Ways you can encourage attendance



- ❖ Regularly find out what your son or daughter's attendance is.
- ❖ If you have any concerns, ring school, they can put you in touch with the right people to help.
- ❖ Talk regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it - *they are more likely to attend if they feel supported and listened to.*
- ❖ Phone school as soon as possible to explain why your child is absent, and when they will be expected to return.
- ❖ Only allow your child to stay off school for genuine illness - (if they have a cold, they should be in school.)
- ❖ Holidays should be taken in the school holiday period, not in term time. Appointments need to be made with the Head teacher to request a holiday in term time. If your child's attendance is below 92%, it might not be granted. *(more information on this at the office)*
- ❖ Know your child's daily routine to avoid issues e.g. have they got their P.E. /swimming kit, musical instrument, homework, reading log etc.
- ❖ Praise and reward good attendance - even small successes.



Days off school add up to lost learning

Every school day matters



100% attendance	0 weeks of learning missed	Best chance of success - well done 
95% attendance	1 week, 4 days of learning missed	
90% attendance	3 weeks, 4 days of learning missed	Poor attendance, I'm worried. 
85% attendance	5 weeks, 3 days of learning missed	
80% attendance	At least 7 weeks, 3 days of learning missed	Very poor attendance, I'm seriously Concerned 