

**Punctual attendance** at school is vital for learning and promotes essential life skills. Here are some tips to improve punctuality.

- Encourage your child with your support to get their belongings ready the night before
- Make sure that their uniform is ready before they need it
- Allow a spare 5 minutes in your schedule for those moments when things go wrong
- A timely start to the day enables your child to be ready to learn
- Bear in mind the negative impact your child being late has on them.
- Your child's lateness will also disturb the rest of the class.

**Good attendance  
= improving your  
child's chance to  
succeed**

Your child's **good attendance** is linked to their achievement

Good attendance is linked to the following for your child:

- Academic success
- Good social skills
- Positive work ethic
- Taking responsibility



**Remember**

Poor attenders will be supported by the Education Welfare Officer and other Local Authority services.

Poor attendance can lead to prosecution.

Leave of absence in term-time is **not granted except in exceptional circumstances**

Please see our [Attendance Policy](#) on the school website for further details & absence request forms.

**Better Attendance  
Better Results  
Better Life Chances**



# Working together to support your child's Good Attendance

Simon's attendance rate is always around 90%.

He thinks this is pretty good!

However this actually means...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri

**Absent half a day every week**

90% attendance means that he is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half-day every week.

If Simon continues to attend for only 90% of the time, then over five years he will miss the equivalent of one-half of a school year.

**This is classed as persistent absence.**

Sept										
July										
Y 1										
Y 2										
Y 3	Half a year absent from school									
Y 4										
Y 5										

# Our Attendance target is 97%

Sophie's attendance rate is always around 80%.

She thinks this is OK.

However this actually means...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri

**Absent 1 day every week**

80% attendance means that she is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one day every week

If Sophie continues to attend for only 80% of the time, over five years she will miss the equivalent of one school year.

Sept										
July										
Y 1										
Y 2										
Y 3	A year absent from school									
Y 4										
Y 5										

We want all our children to be good attenders. Here are some tips to improve attendance.

- Follow the guidelines for infection but be assured that your school will contact you if your child is sufficiently unwell to remain at school.
- Encourage your child to be resilient and learn the difference between feeling a little under the weather or tired and actually being ill.
- Organise late nights, special outings and family events on Friday evenings and Saturdays – so that your child is ready for school on Monday morning.
- Remember that days off in school time are only granted under exceptional circumstances
- - each day that is missed makes it that much harder for your child to catch up with their class.

## What is your child missing today?