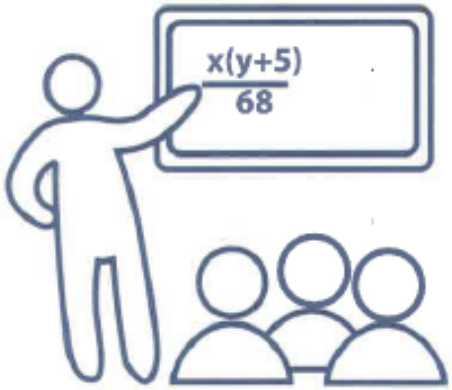
WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?

What does good attendance mean to you?



Classrooms full of students ready to learn?



Rewards and opportunities?



100%? Maybe 98%? Or perhaps 90%?

Is 90% good attendance?

90% **sounds** like a lot! It would be a good score on a test, for example. But is it good attendance for your child?



90% attendance means your child **misses 10%** of their time at school.

This is equivalent to missing **½ a day every week**. That's three lessons worth of learning that your child is missing out on, **every week**.

That's a total of **19 days of absence** over the academic year.

Attendance is a ladder to success



SUCCESS

CONFIDENCE

AMBITION

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is essential to academic success- it is the first step up the ladder to achievement. When a student attends and engages, they can develop ambition to do better; as they complete their goals, they gain the confidence to push themselves further; eventually, they succeed.

A student who does not attend cannot progress up this pathway.

Your child's attendance

Do you know what your child's attendance currently is?

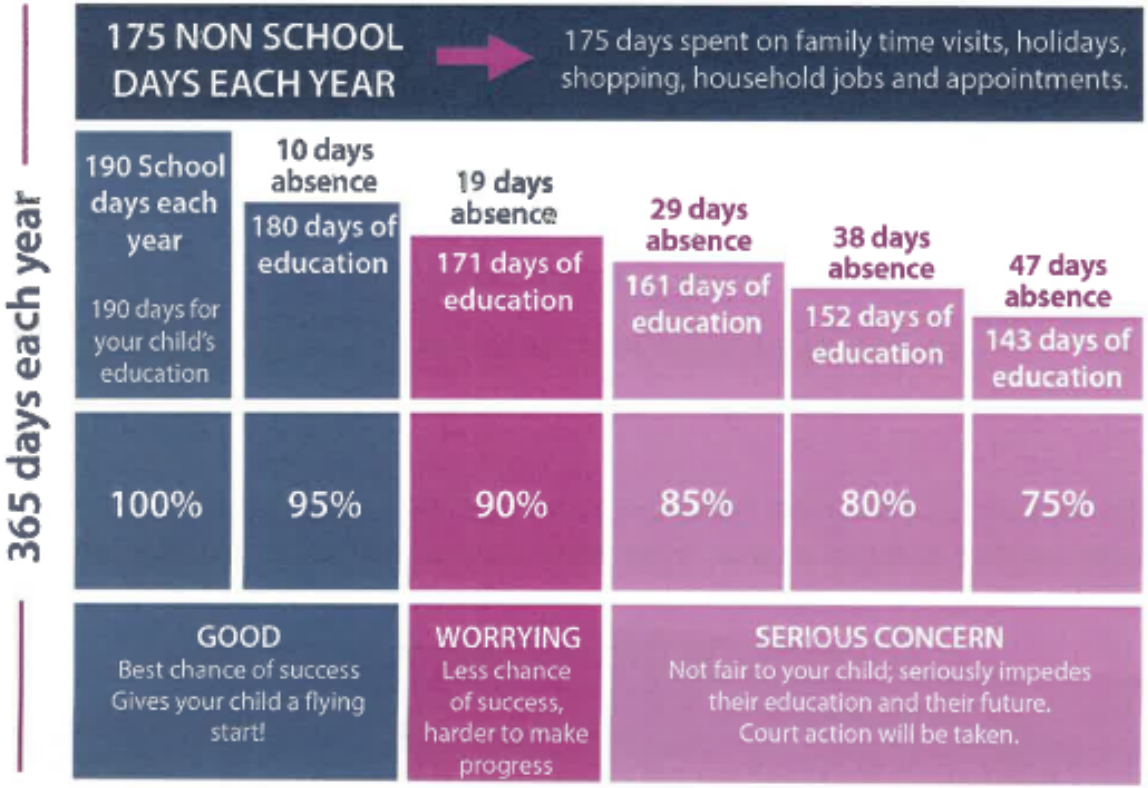
Our target attendance is 98%, but we want all students and parents to aim for 100%!

If you have a concern about your child's attendance, speak to us so we can arrange ways to support you with this.

MYTHS

- ***'Absences are only a problem if they are unauthorised'.*** Authorised absences still affect your child's learning and opportunities in the same way.
- **'Sporadic absences are not a problem in the same way as consecutive ones'.** All absences contribute towards a larger issue of poor attendance.
- **'Attendance only matters in the older year groups'.** The Key Stage 3 curriculum acts as a foundation for learning in Key Stage 4. If your child has poor attendance in the lower years, they will be behind their peers when they reach their GCSEs.

What can you do to help your child's attendance?



There is plenty of time outside of school hours and term time for routine appointments like the dentist or a GP check up- don't book them during school hours **unless absolutely necessary**.

Your child only gets the chance to attend school once. Every day they are absent is learning time they won't get back. To help them make the most of their time at school, make sure they are attending as much as possible.

Attend to Achieve. Every School Day Counts.

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS AN EXPECTATION.

Good attendance is an expectation for all our students. Attending school is an absolute minimum; good behaviour, impressive work and consistent engagement goes above and beyond and will be rewarded.

TEACHERS CAN ONLY TEACH YOUR CHILD IF THEY ARE PRESENT.

We have fantastic teachers who are dedicated to education and to their students, but they can only help your child to learn and succeed if you get your child into school. Help us to keep your child's attendance over 98% to give them the best possible chance of succeeding at schoo.