

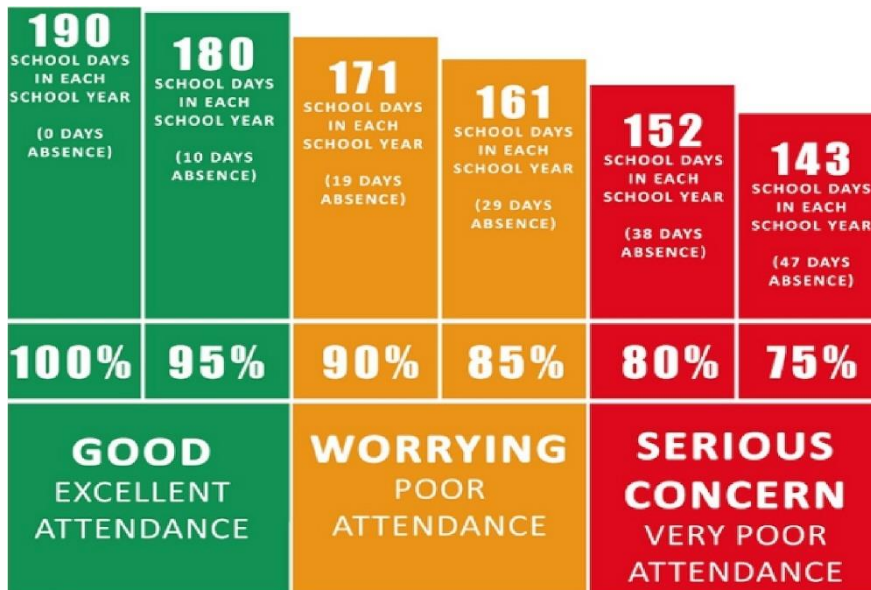


ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE AND THE LAW

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full-time education. It is vital they ensure their child's regular and punctual attendance at school.

The current school target for attendance is 96%. You will be breaking the law if you do not ensure your child attends school regularly if there are no good reasons for missing school.



There are 175 non-school days a year – that's 175 days to spend on family time, appointments, holidays, shopping and everything else.

WHAT CAN PARENTS/CARERS DO?

- Ensure your child attends school every day and on time
- If your child is not well enough to attend contact the school office by 8.30am on each day of absence
- Have everything ready the night before to avoid delays in the morning
- Have good bedtime and morning routines with set times for going to bed and waking up
- Try to make routine dental and medical appointments outside school times
- Take family holidays during the school holidays, we are unable to authorise term time holidays
- Contact us immediately if you need help or support with your child's attendance and punctuality

HOW WE WILL SUPPORT GOOD ATTENDANCE

- We will communicate with you as soon as your child's attendance falls below 96%. This may be by phone or letter
- If attendance continues to fall we will contact you again and arrange a meeting in school to remove barriers to attendance and agree the support needed to improve your child's attendance