

# WHY IT MATTERS?

Attendance Percentage

Days missed over a school year

100%  
95%  
90%  
85%  
80%

0 days  
10 days  
20 days- 4 weeks!  
30 days-half a term!  
40 days- 8 weeks!

We know that regular school attendance helps children achieve well, make friends, have strong relationships with adults and enjoy school more.

When children miss too much school they fall behind, can become anxious, feel left out of friendship groups and then don't want to go to school.



Every day counts!  
School success starts with attendance.



Attendance Matters



What you need to know

# ABOUT ATTENDANCE



Only keep your child at home if they are really too sick for school

Always contact school (phone, ParentMail or email) if your child is going to be absent. You must contact school for EVERY day of absence.



Please DO NOT take your child out of school for holidays or family visits. These will not usually be authorised.

On very rare occasions there are reasons why term time absence is authorised. Please be aware that you may be fined for unauthorised absence.



Be organised and arrive on time. Set routines that the children can help with.

Let school know of any medical appointments and keep children away from school for as short a time as possible. Please make appointments out of school time whenever you can.



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# BE ON TIME



## WE AIM FOR 100% ATTENDANCE

When children are late to school and miss the start of the day they miss important opportunities to speak to their teachers and friends, process what is happening that day or miss an important part of learning.

We know that some children who are late can feel very worried about going to class late.

We always welcome late children and try to put them at ease but the worry and uncertainty can still be there!

We would like every child to attend every day= 100%

School starts at 8.40 a.m.



Ask us for help if you are struggling to be on time.



10 minutes a day late =

50 minutes a week =

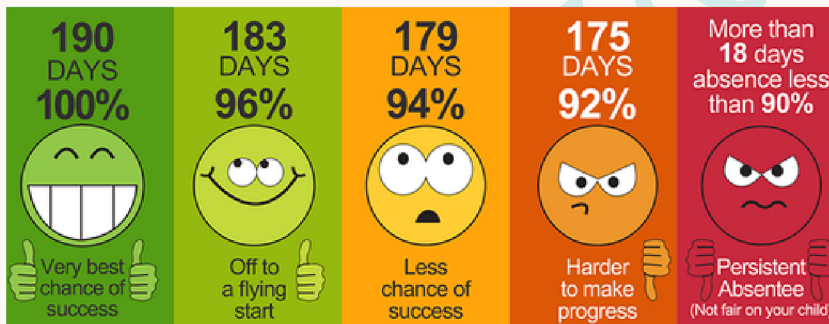
1,950 minutes a school year

= 5 school days a year

## WHAT DO PERCENTAGES REALLY MEAN?



St Barnabas  
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90% attendance is 100 lessons missed!  
Even 95% attendance is 50 lessons missed!

School has a responsibility to let you know if your child's attendance is below an acceptable level or at risk of falling below 95%.

Attendance below 90% is classed as 'Persistent Absence' and your child will be put on an Attendance Support Plan.

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