

Attendance

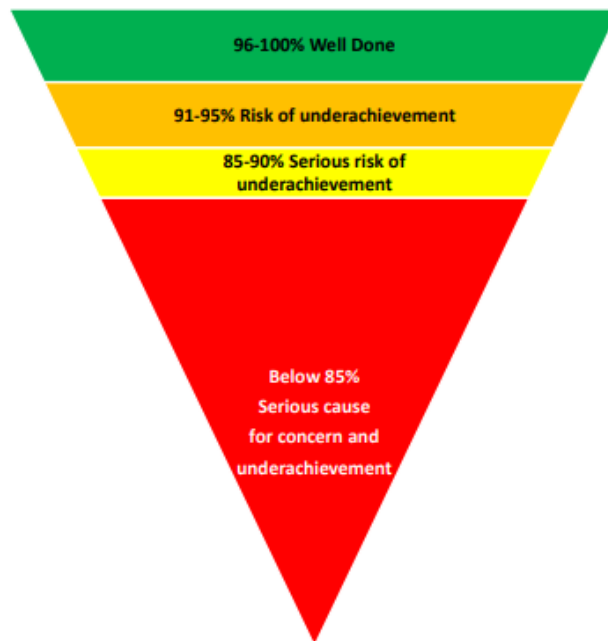
Increasing your child's attendance raises their chances to achieve.

What does good attendance mean?

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week

1 school year at 90% = 4 weeks missed!

90% attendance over 5 years at school = ½ a school missed



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Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = 1 GCSE grade drop in achievement (even at primary school).

Improving your child's attendance will help them achieve their true potential.

What can I do as a parent to improve my child's attendance?

- Only let your child stay at home if they are genuinely ill.
- Avoid taking holidays in school time.
- Talk to your child about school and how they feel about it – they are more likely to attend and enjoy school if they feel supported and listened to.
- If there are any problems at school, please talk to us.

Other top tips:

- If your child refuses to go to school, try to stay calm and listen to their explanation.
- Your child is important to us. We can help you to work through any issues and can offer lots of support for you and your child. You are not alone!
- Try to understand what your child might be unhappy or worried.
- Help your child catch up with missed work – a missed day should not mean missed work.