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Why is it important?

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life and good attendance is key to this.

Did you know that:

- a child who is absent one day of school per week (80% attendance) misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable
- poor school attendance is also closely associated with crime a quarter of school age offenders have truanted repeatedly






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Attendance Information	
Percentage attendance:	96.93%
Attendance:	316
Authorised absences:	10
Unauthorised absences:	0
Possible sessions:	326



What is 'good attendance'?

Excellent	97%+
Good	95% - 97%
Requires Improvement	90% - 95%
Serious Cause for Concern	90% or less





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When a pupil misses just	That equals.....	Which is	And therefore, from Reception to Year 11, that is ...	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school life	Equal to finishing in Year 10
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school life	Equal to finishing in Y9
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of school life	Equal to finishing in year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly half of school life	Equal to finishing in Year 3/4

