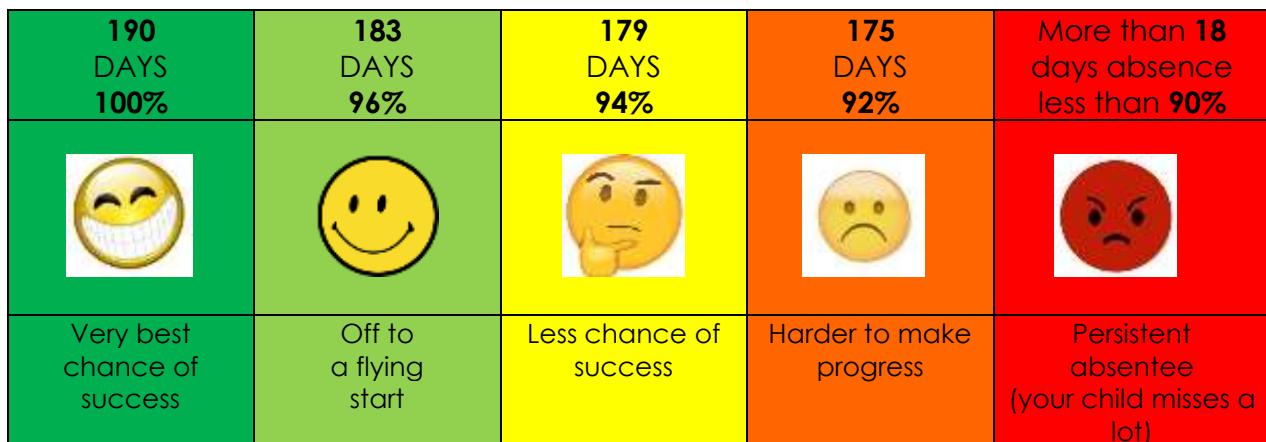




School Attendance

Information for Parents / Carers

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment.

- Regardless of the reason, if your child is absent from school, it will impact on their learning.
- Parents/carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school on time every day.
- The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a **GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE** - if the mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before.

Medical appointments Where possible all appointments should be booked outside of school hours. Too ill to attend school? Children can attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat) over the counter medicines can be given before school. School will contact you if they become too ill to remain in school.	Absence during term time Children must not be absent from school for : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• day trips• shopping• birthdays• parent/carer or sibling illness Reporting absence It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school if their child is absent. A reason must be provided.
Persistent absence Any child with attendance below 90% regardless of the reason for the absence is considered to be a persistent absentee. This equates to just 2 days each month. IS YOUR CHILD A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE? Statistics show that persistent absentees are less likely to achieve their full potential.	Unauthorised leave in term time (holidays) Holiday in term time will be unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances. Holiday request forms are available from the school office. Fines of £60 per parent/carer, per child may be issued where unauthorised leave has been taken during term time.

Need help with your child's attendance? Please feel free to come and speak to us.