

SCHOOL ABSENCE

A child with 90% attendance is missing the equivalent of:

½ day a week, 4 weeks in a school year or 1 whole year over the child's school life

The Government state that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%

The Department for Education research suggest:

At primary school level where pupils missing up to 2 weeks of school in key stage two are ¼ less likely to achieve level 5 or above in reading, writing or maths texts than those with no absence.

The impact from missing four weeks a year could equal a whole GCSE grade drop in achievement.

Absence during one school year	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Number of Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 Days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons