

# The Grove Primary School

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## Attendance Matters

Please note that the government threshold for unsatisfactory attendance as of September 2015 is 95%. Therefore any attendance which falls below this will be investigated by the school and in the case of persistent low attendance, by the Education Welfare Officer.

Please refer to the chart below to see how your child's attendance could be affecting their learning.

<b>It All Adds Up!</b> Your child deserves an education.					
190 days in school	7.5 days absent				
	182.5 days in school	9.5 days absent			
		180.5 days in school	13 days absent	177 days in school	19 days absent
			171 days in school		161.5 days in school
100% Excellent	96% Good	95% Becoming unsatisfactory	94% Poor	90% Very poor	85% or less Unacceptable
<b>This is the best chance of success!</b> You should be aiming for 96% and above. Great attendance is celebrated in school!		<b>Worrying</b> It will be harder for your child to make progress. Letters are sent home and a meeting with school is arranged.		<b>Cause for concern</b> Final letter and possible penalty notice is sent home.	<b>Serious concern</b> You could be taken to court!
				Your child's learning will be seriously affected.	

Things to remember:

- Contact school on the first day of your child's absence if they are unwell.
- Complete a 'Request for Exceptional Leave' letter, available from the school office, if you need to take your child out of school for an exceptional reason. Each case will be considered individually and therefore authorisation will not automatically be granted.
- Inform your child's teacher if you have any concerns or require further information regarding your child's attendance.