

School attendance: Is your child missing out?

	In a week means missing	Over a year means missing	Over the seven years of primary school means missing.....
100% attendance	No days	No weeks	No learning at all!
90% attendance	½ a day	Almost 4 weeks	Over 4 terms
80% attendance	1 day	Over 7 weeks	1 school year and 2 terms
70% attendance	1 ½ days	11 weeks	More than 2 years
60% attendance	2 days	Over 15 weeks	2 years and 4 terms
50% attendance	2 ½ days	Almost 20 weeks	3 ½ years

Punctuality

5 minutes late per day	3 days lost per year
10 minutes late per day	6.5 days lost per year
15 minutes late per day	10 days lost per year
20 minutes late per day	13 days lost per year
30 minutes late per day	19 days lost per year

There is also clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Of pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school, only 35% achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* to C including English and maths. But 73% of pupils who attend 95% of school achieve this.