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Attendance

- Pupils who do not regularly attend school are more likely to fall short of achieving their full academic potential;
- Statistics show that 90% of persistent absentees, poor attenders or non-attenders fail to achieve five or more good grades at GCSE and approximately one third end up with no GCSEs at all;
- Parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child attends school on a regular, full time basis;
- Schools have a duty to monitor and act early to address patterns of absence;
- Where parents/carers fail to meet their legal responsibilities, the local authority has powers to take legal action in the form of penalty notices or prosecution;
- Poor attendance at school can lead to their child's life chances being detrimentally affected;
- Poor attendance can lead to disaffection amongst peers (lost friendship groups, missed opportunities to take part in school events e.g. drama, sports);
- Irregular attendance can cause difficulties for pupils to catch up with work and pastoral events and can lead to long term absence;
- Clear routines within the family home can support a child to attend school every day and on time.

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190