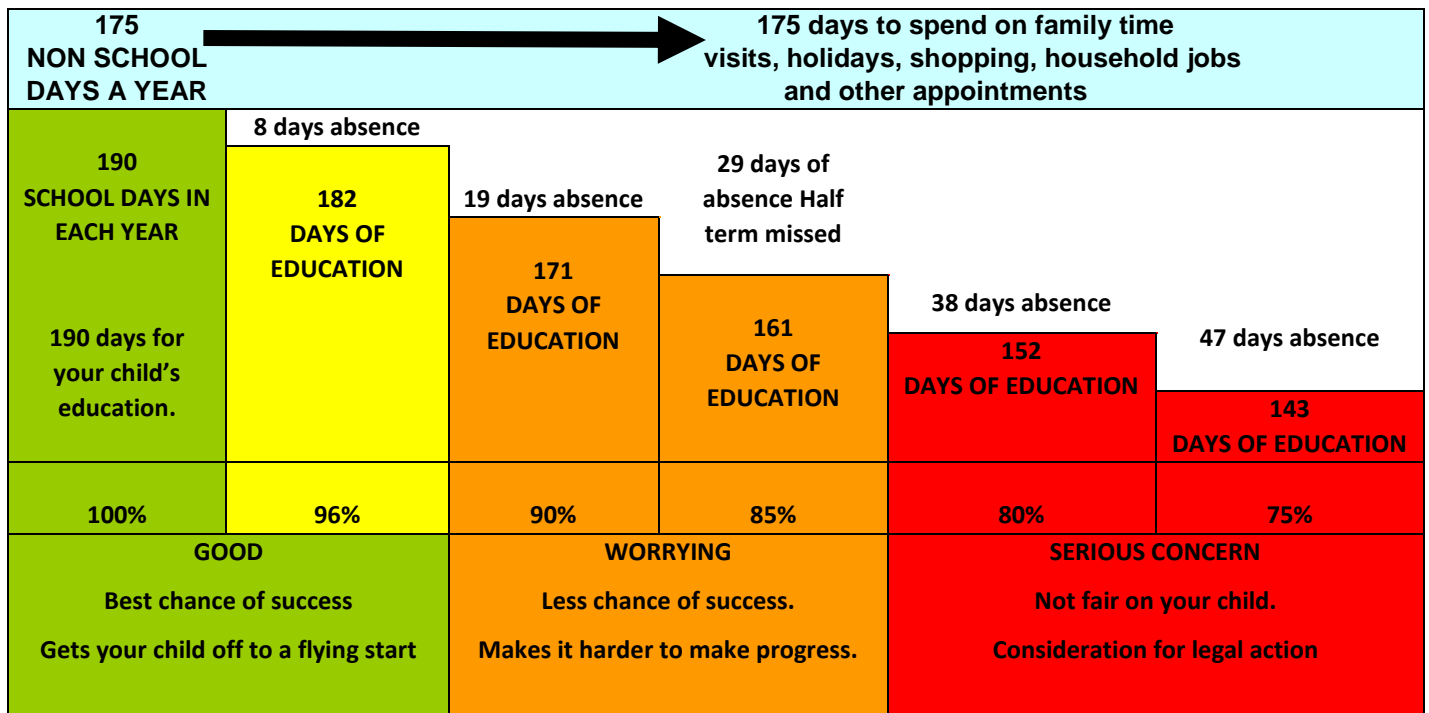


We have started to run some incentives in school to help improve our overall attendance. We appreciate all pupils can be sick and there are legitimate circumstances for a child to be absent. If you are unsure, send your child to school and if they are unwell, we will send them home. Quite often, they feel better when around their friends and kept busy.

As a parent or carer, you will want your child to have the best start that they possibly can. Children only get one chance at school and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school regularly.



If your child's attendance is 90% for every year they are at primary school, that totals $\frac{3}{4}$ of a whole school year they will lose during their primary education.

- Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is the same as 6 days absence a year. **BUT** 100% is achieved by many pupils every year in primary schools.
- 90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks, 80% attendance is the same as a day a week!
- If you take a 2 week holiday in term time, your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to below 95%.
- It is the school who decides whether to authorise absences – the parents' note is necessary because the reasons given need to be considered by the school.

If you have any issues or home circumstances that occasionally make it difficult to get your child to school, please speak to us in confidence as we may be able to help.