# Why good attendance matters. 

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend $100 \%$ of the time.

Students who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Good attendance also shows potential employers that a young person is reliable.

Research suggests that students who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime. Below is a table showing how children's percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed.

| Attendance during <br> one school year | Equivalent Weeks | Equivalent Lessons Missed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $95 \%$ | 2 Weeks | 54 Lessons |
| $90 \%$ | 4 Weeks | 114 Lessons |
| $85 \%$ | 6 Weeks | 174 Lessons |
| $80 \%$ | 8 Weeks | 228 Lessons |
| $75 \%$ | 10 Weeks | 288 Lessons |
| $70 \%$ | 11.5 Weeks | 342 Lessons |
| $65 \%$ | 13.5 Weeks | 402 Lessons |

It is also important to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time over one academic year.

3 days lost
5 minutes late


10 minutes late


15 minutes late


20 minutes late


30 minutes late

