

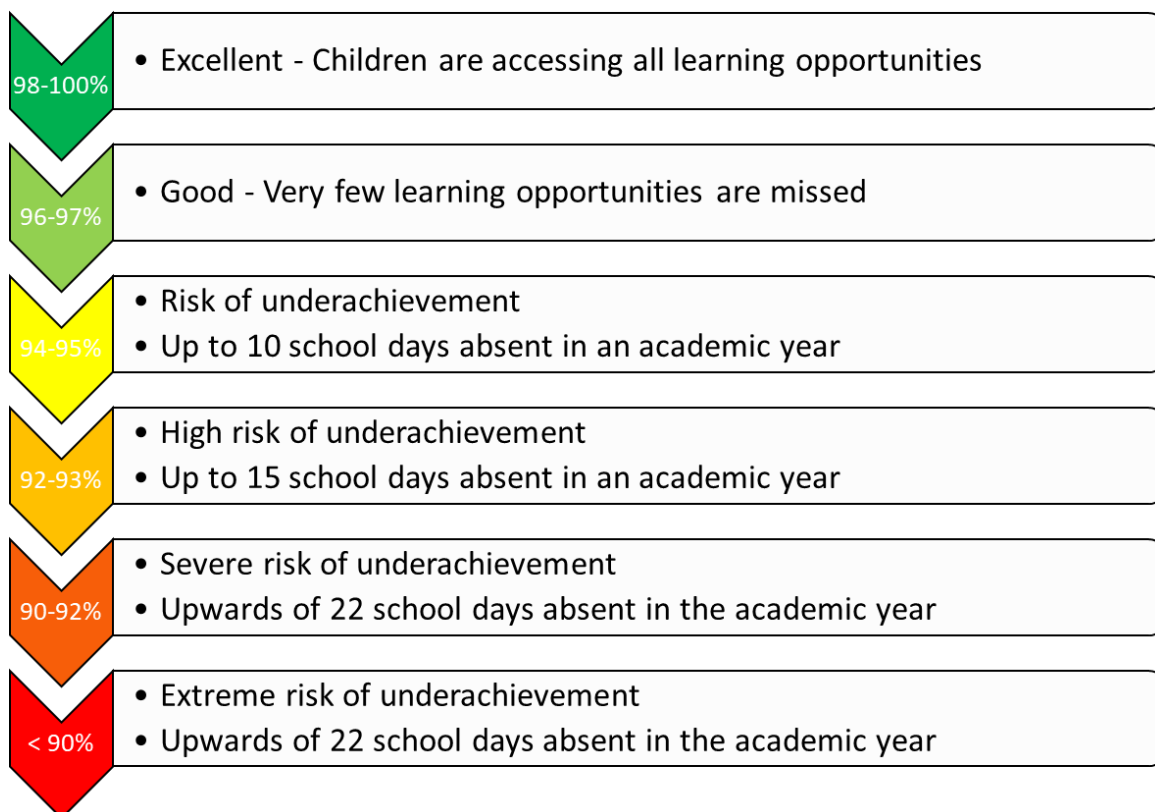
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

We expect children to attend school for 100% of the academic year wherever possible.

You can support your child to have excellent attendance by taking these steps:

- Ensure your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Children must be in school by 8:30am
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- If your child appears to be only slightly ill, send them in to school. We will monitor them closely and will contact you if their condition deteriorates.
- Book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.
- Supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter if your child has an appointment during school hours.

If your child becomes reluctant to go to school or you need help, please contact the school immediately; we are more likely to be able to work together to solve any problems if we act early.



'On the day' absences: what should I do if my child is not 'fit' to go into school?

On each day your child is unfit to come to school, please report this absence by telephone or email to let us know no later than 9:00am. In the message you must leave your child's full name, class and give the specific reason for absence. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

Leave of Absence

There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. Please use our 'Leave of absence request' form to make these types of requests. The form should be submitted to the school office in advance of the leave of absence. You will receive a letter in response, to advise if the request has been granted or declined.

Punctuality

Children are expected to arrive on time for school in the morning and for every lesson during the day.

The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment. I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Please contact the school if you require any support with ensuring your child's regular school attendance.