



How do I work out how time off school affects my child's attendance?



NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR
If your child has 1 day off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 99.5%
If your child has 2 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 99%
If your child has 5 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 97.4%
If your child has 8 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 96% This is the target for attendance.
If your child has 15 days off during the year...	...their attendance will be 92.4%
If your child has 20 days off during the year....	...their attendance will be 90% AND School will now regularly monitor attendance on a regular basis. Letters home will be sent.
More than 20 days off during the year....	... their attendance will be below 90%, classed as persistent absence and school will now be in contact with the Local Authority. This may lead to sanctions, court and penalties against the parents.

80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost. Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absent per school year see negative effects throughout their educational journey - resulting in a whole GCSE grade deficit by the time they leave secondary education. (Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child : The right to learn and go to school)