

Every school day matters

You have a **legal duty** to secure your child's regular and punctual attendance at school.



A pupil that misses around 10 % of school sessions, whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised, is considered a 'persistent absentee'.

Pupils who attend school regularly are likely to leave school with more qualifications and greater access to employment opportunities.

If you fail to secure your child's regular attendance, you could be prosecuted under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

If found guilty, you could face:

- A fine of up to £2,500 and/or
- Three months imprisonment plus legal costs
- If convicted, you could get a **criminal record**

90% attendance may look impressive, still it means children miss 19 days of education in a year - and risk dropping one grade at GCSEs. Five C grades become Five D grades.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the Attendance Team:
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