

Raise Your Childs Attendance, -Raise their chances!

What does "Good attendance" mean?



Let's have a look.....



This is Simon. He is in Year 1 and has **90% attendance.**



Is that good?

What does it mean?

What impact might this have on Simon's life?

Simon thinks this is pretty good, so do his parents.
Are they right?

90% attendance = $\frac{1}{2}$ **day missed** each week!!
(Would your boss like you to be off work this much??). That's practically part time!

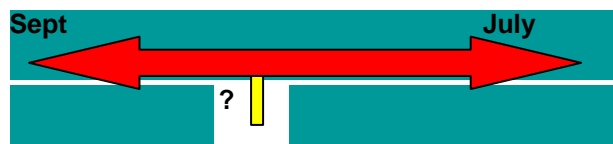
Absent half a day every week

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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1 school year at

90% attendance = **4** whole weeks of lessons **MISSED!!!**

38 school weeks



Absent for 4 weeks

What impact might this have on Simon's life?

So **90%** is **not** as good as it first seemed.

The greater the attendance, the greater the achievement!



What can **I** do as a parent to increase my child's attendance?



1. Establish **good attendance habits** - little ones look to you as a role model, show them it's important.
2. Start now - little ones are easier to **influence**.
3. Regularly check your child's **absence** with your **own record**.



4. Only grant days at home for **genuine** illness. (you will know!! **Weakness now = problems later**)



5. **Avoid** taking holidays in school time.
6. Know **routines** of the school **day** to avoid issues, e.g. have they got their PE kit?



7. Help your child get everything ready for the night before e.g. uniform, reading book
8. Establish a good bed time routine, so your child can sleep well, get enough sleep and make mornings less of a struggle.



9. **Talk** regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it. More likely to want to attend and learn if they feel supported and anxieties **listened** to.



10. **Phone** us as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return. Putting the school number in your phone can save you time.

11. **Arrange** for a friend to take your child to school if a sibling is sick...it's not fair to prevent a **well** child from **learning**.

12. PRAISE AND REWARD GOOD

ATTENDANCE: even small successes, e.g. getting ready quickly, even if resisting going to school.



Other tips to help secure good attendance:

1. If there is a **problem** with your child's attendance, **talk calmly** to your child and **listen** to the **explanation**. There is **always** an explanation. It may not impress you, but it is important enough to them to be putting them off school. Pursuing the **reason** for the not wanting to attend is **important**.
2. Talk to us - we maybe able to help and support you and your child. You are **not alone**, we can work together to find **solutions** so that little problems don't become **BIG** ones. **Come to School Office** if you need to speak to someone.
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4. Set an **alarm clock** - rushing is unsettling.
5. Find out about school breakfast club if this helps you.
6. Allow **plenty of time** to travel to school.
7. Be particularly watchful and supportive in the run up to **tests** and be aware of friendship groups.
8. **Help** them **catch up** with missed work; missed day doesn't mean missed work.
9. Remember **PRAISE** for good attendance.



- If a school can **improve** attendance by **1%**, they will see a **5-6%** improvement in **attainment**. (Department for Education and Skills)
- Please **help** us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above **95%**, allowing them to **achieve** their potential.
- Get into **GOOD Habits** today!

Keep this leaflet for reference, or cut out the box below and keep it handy (stick on the fridge?) so that you know how to contact us!



Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery School

Attendance **HOT** Line Choose Option 1

020 8890 2063

(answer phone 24hrs)



Please ring the office each day of your child's absence, telling us:

1. Your child's name
2. Class
3. Why they are absent
4. When you expect them to return.

Attend and Achieve!