

# EVERY DAY COUNTS

## Why is high attendance important to my child's education?

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life

### Did you know that:

- A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of **two years** of their school life.
- **90%** of young people with absence rates **below 85%** fail to achieve five or more good grades at GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all.
- **Poor examination results** limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable.

### Good attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's **180 to 185 days** every year

**GCSEs may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning.**

### This in turn can:

- Mean that they fall behind in work
- Affect their motivation
- Affect their enjoyment of learning
- Lead to poor behaviour
- Affect their desire to attend school regularly
- Affect their confidence in school
- Mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences
- Affect their ability to have or keep their friendship groups

**Nationally, pupils that have only:**

# 91%

**attendance or less will drop at least one GCSE grade across their subjects.**

**Please note we DO NOT authorise holidays during term time. Concerns over your child's attendance may trigger:**

- First day response telephone calls home
- Home visits by the Attendance Team
- Parent Panel Attendance Meetings
- Referrals to the Local Authority
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- Court Proceedings

**180** days (weekends, half-terms and holidays) are not spent in school - that's almost **HALF A YEAR\***

**\*So that means there is plenty of time for holidays, visiting family, shopping and appointments**

**Did you know?**  
A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance possible is **94.5%**

