

**RAISE**  
Your Child's Attendance,



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Their Chances!

What does "Good attendance" mean?

- Do you know what your child's attendance is?
- Do you know what it means?



This is Simon. He is in Year 7 and has 90% attendance.

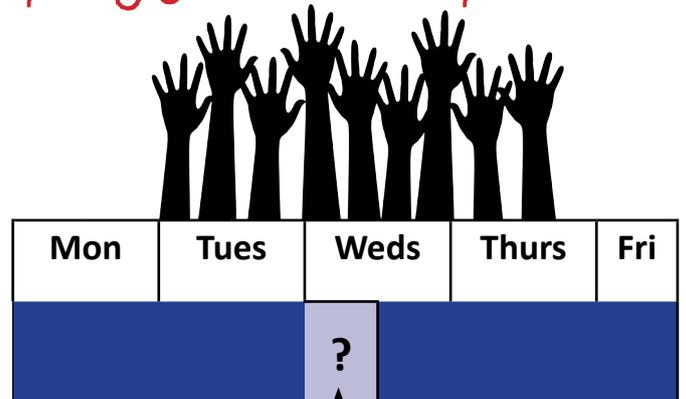
- Is that good?
- What does this mean?

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

90% attendance =

**½ day missed every week!!**

*(Would your boss like you to be off work this much?)*



**Absent half a day every week**

1 school year at 90% attendance = **4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!!!**

90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school...

**= ½ a school year missed!**

SEPT

38 school weeks

JULY

?

**Absent for 4 weeks**

# What impact might this have on Simon's life.....?

The **GREATER** the attendance the **GREATER** the achievement.

Research suggests that 17 **MISSED** school days a year = GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement. (DfES)

- 90% = ½ day
- 80% = 1 day
- 70% = 1 ½ days
- 60% = 2 days
- 50% = 2 ½ days
- 40% = 3 days
- 30% = 3 ½ days

**PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE WEEKLY**

**PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE TERMLY/YEARLY (OVER 5 YEARS)**

- 90% = 20 weeks = 1 ½ terms
- 80% = 40 weeks = 1 year
- 70% = 60 weeks = 1 ½ years
- 60% = 80 weeks = 2 years
- 50% = 100 weeks = 2 ½ years

# WHAT COULD SIMON'S POTENTIAL EARNINGS LOOK LIKE?

What could Simon's potential earnings look like?



Pupils leaving with 5 As at GCSE, over a lifetime, will earn £350,000 more than those leaving with 5 Cs.

*So, 90% is not as good as it first seemed!*

## WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT TO INCREASE MY CHILD'S ATTENDANCE?

### Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

1. Find out **regularly** your child's **absence** (ask for half days, if easier) and check this matches with your **own record**.
2. **Talk** regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend if they feel supported and that their anxieties are **listened to**.
3. **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. Know the school routine for alerting you to absence.
4. Only grant days at home for **genuine** illness. (You will know!!)
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. If you have concerns **ring us** – we will **check** attendance and be discreet.
8. **PRAISE AND REWARD GOOD ATTENDANCE:** even small successes, e.g. going in promptly, even when first lesson is their worst!

P.T.O. for more tips on attendance

Other tips to help



Secure good attendance:

**ATTEND AND ACHIEVE!**

*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.

**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 counted enough with your child to make them truant. Pursuing the **reason** for non attendance is **important**.
2. Talk to us to **resolve** issues. We maybe able to help and support you and your child. You are **not alone**.
3. Be particularly watchful and supportive in the run up to **tests** and aware of coursework **deadlines**.
4. Check '**Contact Book**' regularly for gaps as well as completed activities.
5. **Help** them **catch up** with missed work, a missed day doesn't mean missed work.
6. Remember **PRAISE** for good attendance.



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