



*"Learning together, achieving forever"*

## **Attendance at school**



**Is 90% success or failure?**

Oliver is currently in Year 3 and Rachel is in Year 6. Their attendance rates at school are always around 90%

*They think this is pretty good!*

**90% attendance for Oliver = 20 days absence**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

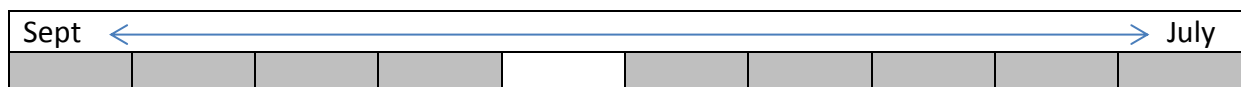
Absent half a day every week

90% attendance means that Oliver is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half day every week**

**87% attendance for Rachel = 25 days absence:**

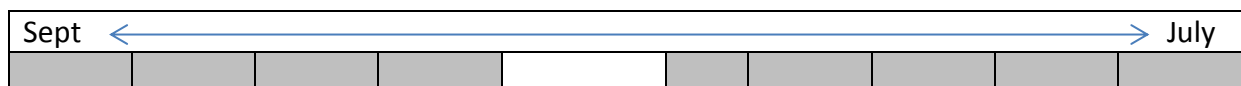
- Five days – annual holiday
- Five days – the flu
- Two days – Mum unwell
- One day – birthday treat
- Two days – dentists appointments
- One day – to buy new shoes
- Two days – being late and missing registration for 4 mornings
- One day – taken at the end of term to go Christmas shopping
- Two days – unauthorised absence for which no note or contact has been made

In Year 3, Oliver’s 90% attendance rate means he missed the equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in the school year



**= absent four weeks**

In Year 6, Rachel’s attendance rate last year was 87%, which means that she missed the equivalent of five weeks of lessons in the school year:



**= absent for five weeks**

What does your child's attendance figures mean as learning time lost?

Attendance rate	Approx days absence by end of year	School time lost by end of Primary school
100%	0	0
95%	10	14 weeks
90%	20	28 weeks
85%	30	42 weeks
80%	40	56 weeks

**There are 38 weeks in a school year!**

## **Is your child's attendance rate affecting their performance at school?**

### **Clocked in at work today?**

Please remember:

- Try to make dental/doctors' appointments outside of school hours.
- Make sure your child registers promptly and is safe. A 'Late' mark is an absence after registration has closed.
- Repeated lateness is classed as truancy, say the courts.
- Don't book holidays in term time. Many holiday companies will offer cheap deals if you book early enough.
- The first and last days and weeks of term are important, both socially and academically.
- Missing the odd day can become a habit, which would not be accepted in the workforce.
- Your child only has one chance at school. Help them make the most of it.

.....Every day counts!

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