

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES CAN BE MISLEADING

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

%		SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	OUTLOOK FOR YOUR CHILD
100%	Excellent	0 Days	Gives your child the best chance of success
95%	Good	9 days (1 week and 4 days)	
90%	Below average	19 days (4 weeks and 4 days)	Starts to become harder for your child to progress
85%	Unsatisfactory	27 days (5 weeks and 3 days)	<u>SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS</u> Harder to make and maintain friendships Becomes difficult to catch up with work A child with below 85% attendance can be referred to the Education Welfare Service
80%		36 days (7 weeks and 3 days) <u>*HALF A TERM MISSED*</u>	
70%	Unacceptable	57 days (11 weeks and 2 days) <u>*1 WHOLE TERM MISSED*</u>	<u>VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS</u> Extremely difficult to catch up with work. Increased risk of social isolation Child unlikely to have a positive view of education Becomes harder to succeed in mainstream education; unlikely to gain qualifications, resulting in a difficult transition to positive destination (employment, further education) Extremely likely to impact on confidence, self-esteem and mental health Risk of legal action against parent/carer which may result in prosecution