

# Raise Your Chances! Get your attendance right!

### What does **"***Good attendance***"** mean?

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Dixie thinks this is pretty good, so do her parents. Are they right? 90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week!!

(When you start work would your boss like you to be off this much? That's practically part



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# Lets look a little closer....

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

#### 38 school weeks



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

## = 1/2 a school year missed!



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

Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = a GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement. (DfES) The greater the attendance the greater the attainment.









## School

- You get to see your friends every day.
- You get to join in lots of fun things.
- You don't miss out on learning important things.
- You might get a certificate or award for having good attendance.
- Children who have good school attendance tend to do better in tests and exams.
- Going to school every day helps you prepare for when you are an adult and go to work every day.

#### Attendance

## Why Might We Miss School?

- You have been sick.
- You are tired.
- You have to go shopping for school uniform.
- You haven't done your homework.
- You have chickenpox.
- You have to look after your little brother or sister.
- Holidays cost less money in school time.
- You can't find your PE kit.
- You are cel<mark>eb</mark>rating a religious event.
- You just do<mark>n't</mark> want to go.

#### Attendance

## Why Might We Miss School?

#### **Good Reasons**

- Being sick
- <sup>1</sup> Illnesses, such as chickenpox
- Celebrating a religious event

#### **Bad Reasons**

- Being tired
- Going shopping
- Not having done homework
- Having to babysit
- Holidays being cheaper
- Not having the correct things, such as a PE kit
  - Not wanting to go



### **Being Late**

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If you are 15 minutes late for school every day, this would mean that you are absent from school for a total of two weeks.

> 15 minutes = 2 weeks

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# Pretty obvious really!

- What are the patterns? Do you always feel ill on days when you have a certain subject ...PE for instance?
- Does something worry you about school? Find someone to talk to about it.

# Ways for you to improve attendance (and attainment):

- 3. If you really are ill get someone at home to phone school on the first day of absence. Stay in touch with school and get back to it as soon as you are able to be here.
  - Only take days off for genuine illness. (you will know!!)
  - Avoid taking holidays in school time.



# Take pride in your achievements :

- If your attendance level is 97% or above you are doing really well.
- 7. You deserve praise and rewards for good attendance!

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### How Can We Improve Our Attendance?

Talk to the grown-ups at home about the importance of school attendance.

Know the good and bad reasons for missing school.

Get your uniform and school equipment ready the night before school.

Go to bed at a reasonable time.

Set your alarm early enough to make sure you have enough time to get ready.

Have a healthy breakfast.

Do everything you can to keep healthy – this could include eating at least five portions of fruit and vegetables and washing your hands regularly.