

# Child Attendance - Parent Responsibilities



Ensure child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies



Notify the school as soon as possible when their child is unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness)



Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance



Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible

## <90% = “Persistently Absent” - Additional Responsibilities

If your child falls below 90% (18 days of absence over an academic year), they become what is known as ‘persistently absent’. There are additional expectations placed on parents whose children fall into this category:



Work with the school and local authority to help them understand their child’s barriers to attendance



Proactively engage with the formal support offered – including any parenting contract or voluntary early help plan to prevent the need for legal intervention