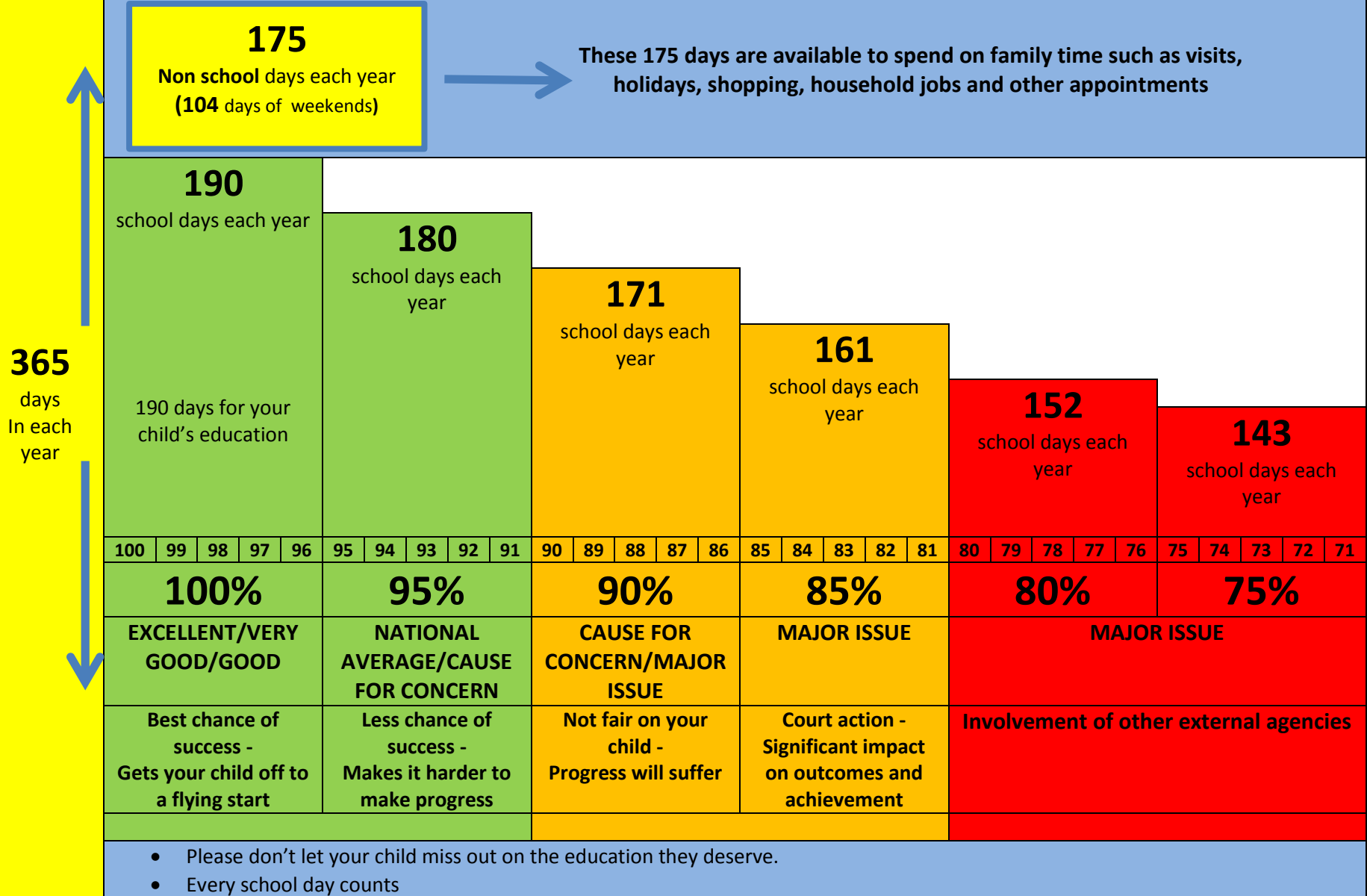


Days off school add up to lost learning!



- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.
- Every school day counts

Here are some basic reminders about attendance.

- We all feel in our comfort zone if our child is achieving a high percentage in tests and examinations. 80% in a test is generally excellent news! The danger is that we may feel the same way about attendance until it is explained.
- If a child has an attendance percentage of **80%** then this is equivalent to **missing a whole day every single week**
- If a child has an attendance percentage of **80%** from **Year 7 to Year 11** then this is equivalent to **missing an entire year of school.**

One year in school is equivalent to **950** 1 hour long lessons
 Five years in school is equivalent to **4750** 1 hour long lessons
 Eleven years in school is equivalent to **10450** 1 hour long lessons
 And all of this comes down to set of grades on a sheet of paper in an envelope

Attendance %	Missed Days	Missed weeks	Over 5 years	Annually	Impact over 5 years
100%	0	0	0	Excellent	
99%	1.9	0.38	9.5	Very Good	
98%	3.8	0.76	19	Very Good	
97%¹	5.7	1.14	28.5	Very Good	
96%	7.6	1.52	38	Good	
95%²	9.5	1.9	47.5	National average	Quarter Year missed
94%	11.4	2.28	57	Below Nat. average	
93%	13.3	2.66	66.5	Below Nat. average	Approx. Third year missed
92%	13.3	2.66	66.5	Requires improvement	
91%	17.1	3.42	85.5	Requires immediate improvement/worrying	
90%³	19	3.8	95	Cause for concern	Half year missed
89%	20.9	4.18	104.5	Serious concern	
85%⁴	28.5	5.7	142.5	Major issue	
80%⁵	38	7.6	190	Major issue	1 Year missed

¹ 97% and above – pupils with attendance at this level throughout their school career, will make the most progress and this should lead to better prospects for work, college and university.

² 95% - pupils with attendance at this level should reach their target grades and should have good prospects and opportunities for work, college and university but they are just below the national average rate of attendance

³ 90% - pupils with attendance at this level are missing a month of school per year and are likely not to reach their target grades. Progress will be negatively affected and their attendance will be viewed negatively by employers, further and higher education.

⁴ 85% - pupils with this attendance will find it very difficult to keep up and their chances of achieving their potential will be significantly damaged

⁵ Any attendance percentage below this will make it impossible for pupils to keep up with the work. An EPN (Education Penalty Notice) will be issued.