Raise Your Attendance, -Raise YOUR Chances!

What does "*Good attendance*" mean?



Do you know what your child's attendance and punctuality percentage is?



This is Simone. She is in Year 5 and has 90% attendance.

Is that good?

What does this mean?



Simone thinks this is pretty good, so do her parents. Are they right? 90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week!! (Would your boss like you to be off work this much??). That's practically part time!

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Absent half a day every week

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Fri

Lets looks a little closer....

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

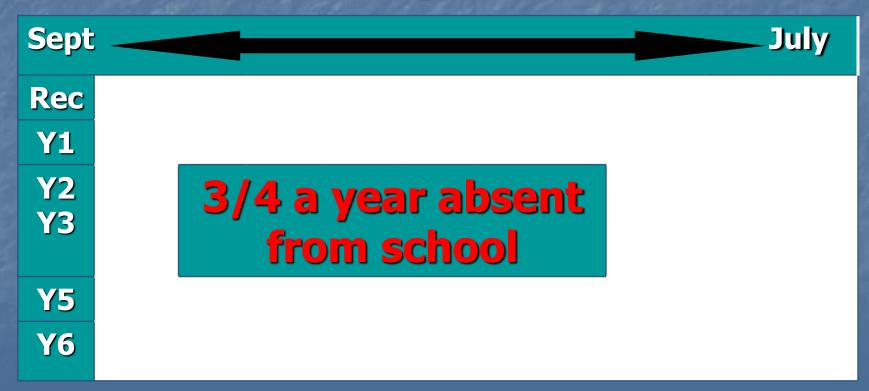
38 school weeks



Absent for 4 weeks

90% attendance over 7 years of primary school....

= 3/4 a school year missed!



Punctuality

School starts at 8:50 Please arrive on time every day Every minute counts **5** mins late twice a week = **380** mins Sept – Dec 1623 Late arrivals to school

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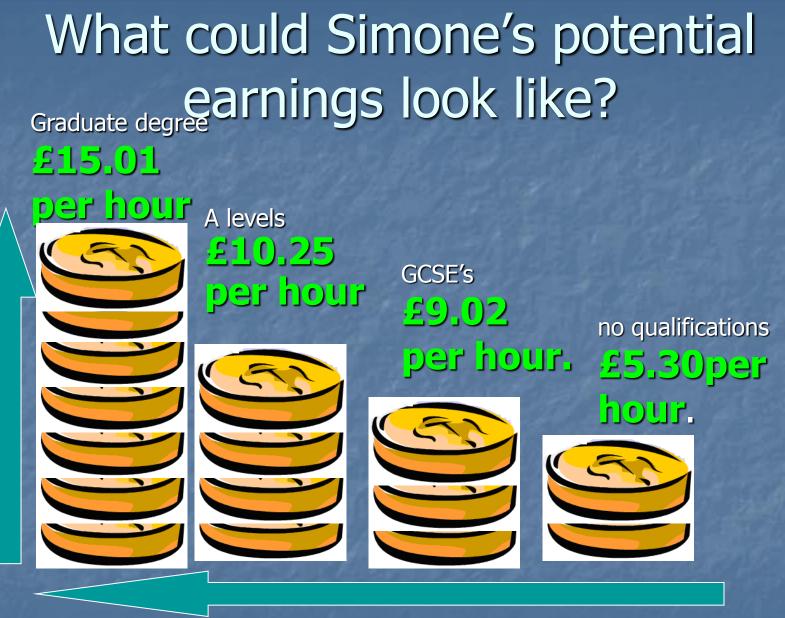
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What impact might this have on Simone's life.....?

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







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Qualifications

What do you want to earn?

So 90% is not as good as it first seemed.

What can do to increase my attendance?



Ways to increase attendance:

- 1. Talk regularly with your parent(s)/carer(s) about school and how you feel about it.
- 2. Remember to phone the school as soon as possible to tell them why you are absent.
- 3. Only stay at home for genuine illness.
- 4. Avoid taking holidays in school time.
 - Get to know at least one member of staff at school who you can speak to if there are problems.
- 6. Ensure you leave for school in good time
- Arrange birthday treats, shopping and nonurgent medical and dental appointments out of school hours.

Winston Way Attendance Team

Inclusion Assistant Head Teacher
Assistant Head Teachers
Attendance Officer and Learning mentor
Communication – letters/texts/phone calls
Meetings held in school
Rewards/ incentives.

Do you know what can happen if you have poor attendance?

Referral to Education Welfare Service for poor school attendance/lateness. EWO will visit your parent/carer at home EWO may arrange a meeting in school EWO may refer to other agencies to support the family or young person If attendance fails to improve after support has been provided, the EWO will consider starting legal action against the parent(s)/Carer(s).

Penalty Notice

Section 444 Education Act
£120 per parent per child
Reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days

Do you know what can happen to your parent(s) or Carer(s)??

Parent(s)/Carer(s) are asked to attend court.
Parent(s)/Carer(s) can be fined up to £2,500
They may receive a Parenting Order, which requires the parent/ carer to attend Parenting Classes.

Parent(s)/Carer(s) can receive a community sentence

Attend and Achieve!

If a school can improve attendance by 1%, they will see a 5-6% improvement in articlinment. (Department for Education and Skills)
 Please help us and you by ensuring your attendance remains above 96%, allowing you to achieve your potential.





Reflection and Feedback

Would you like to know any more about attendance and punctuality? Please stay if you would like to speak to anyone today. Please fill in a comments card on the way out. See you again soon