



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SHERBURN HIGH SCHOOL

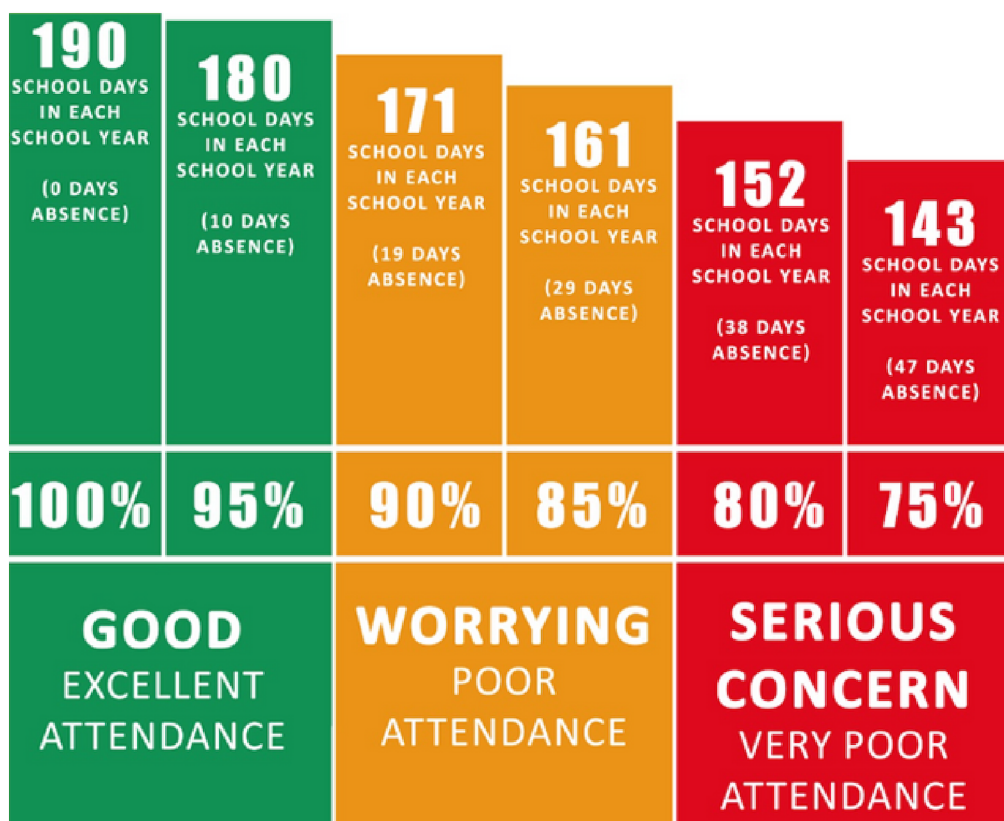
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ATTENDANCE AND THE LAW

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full-time education. It is vital that they ensure their child's regular and punctual attendance at school. If a child is registered at a school then they must attend on a regular basis.

The current school target for attendance is 96% You will be breaking the law if you do not ensure your child attends school regularly if there are no good reasons for missing school.



There are 175 non school days a year- that's 175 days to spend on family time, appointments, holidays, shopping and everything else.

HOW WE WILL SUPPORT GOOD ATTENDANCE

We will communicate with you as soon as your child's attendance falls below 96%. This may be by phone or a letter.

If attendance continues to fall we will contact you again and arrange a meeting in school to remove barriers to attendance and agree the support needed to improve your child's attendance.

WHAT CAN PARENTS/CARERS DO?

- Ensure your child attends school every day and on time.
- If your child is not well enough to attend contact the school by 8:30am on the first day of absence.
- Have everything ready the night before to avoid delays in the morning.
- Have good bedtime and morning routines with set times for going to bed and waking up.
- Try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school time.
- Take family holidays during the school holiday, we are unable to authorise term time holidays.
- Contact us immediately if you need help or support with your child's attendance or punctuality.