

# Attendance at School

is **90%**  
the difference between  
exceeding or under  
achieving ?

Simon is currently in Year 8 and Lisa is in Year 10,  
their attendance rates at school are always around  
**90%**

*They think this is pretty good!*

**90% attendance for Simon = 20 days absence**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

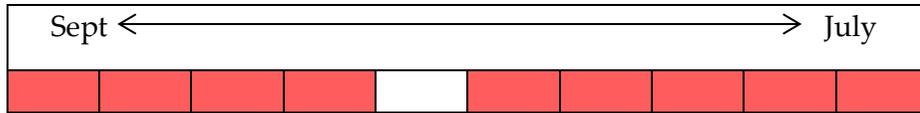
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Absent half a day every week

90% attendance means that Simon is absent from  
lessons for the equivalent of **one half day every week**

**87% attendance for Lisa = 25 days absence**

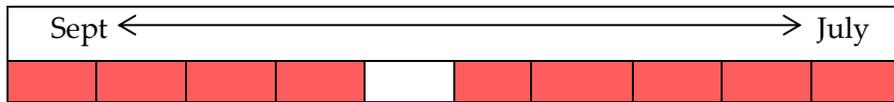
- Two weeks –holiday (10 days)
- Five days – flu
- Three days – orthodontist appointments (three appointments)
- One day – to do coursework catch-up
- Two days – as a result of being late to school and missing registration
- One day – taken off at the end of term to go Christmas shopping
- Three days unauthorised absence – for which no note has been received

In Year 7, Simon's 90% attendance rate means that he missed the  
equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in the school year.



Absent for four weeks

In Year 9, Lisa's attendance rate was 87%, which means that she missed the equivalent of **five weeks** of lessons in the school year.



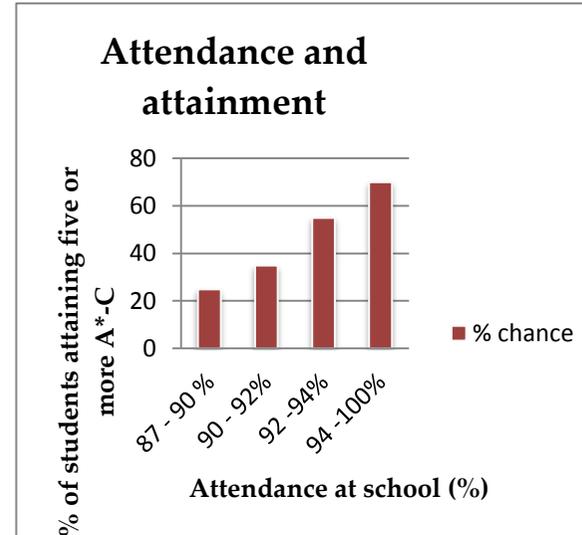
Absent for five weeks

If Simon continues to attend for only 90% of the time, then over five school years he will miss the equivalent of about **one half of a school year**.

	Sept	←	→	July					
Year 7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Year 8	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Year 9	■	Half a year absent from school				■	■	■	■
Year 10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Year 11	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Lisa's attendance has improved from 87% to 90% this year, what impact will this have?

### Do you think a 90% attendance rate will affect Simon and Lisa's chances of doing well at school?



Based on national figures did you know that ...

75% of students with attendance rates of 94 and above achieve at least five or more A\* - C grades GCSE.

At 90% attendance, students have only a 35% chance of five or more A\* - C grades at GCSE.

### What does your child's attendance figures mean as learning time lost?

Attendance Rate	Approximate days absence by the end of the year	School time missed by end of Year 11
100%	0	0
95%	10	¼ of a year
90%	20	½ of a year
85%	30	¾ of a year
80%	40	One whole year

## Is your child's attendance rate affecting their performance at school?

### Clocked in at work today?

Please remember:

- Try to make dental/doctors' appointments outside of school hours.
- Make sure your child registers promptly and is safe. A late mark is an absence after registration has closed.
- Repeated lateness is classed as truancy say the courts
- Don't book holidays in term time. Many holidays companies will offer cheap deals during the school holidays if you book early.
- The first and last days and weeks of terms are important both socially and academically.
- Missing the odd day can become a habit, which would not be accepted in the work place.
- Your child only has one chance at school. Help them to make the most of it.
- Make sure your details are up to date and that you have registered in Schoolcomms.
- Please contact the school immediately if your child is absent from school.

### Every day counts ....

