

# Attendance

To reach targets of WELB benchmark

# Did you know?

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- 10 days absence (1 day a month) results in a 93% attendance rate.
- 20 days absence results in 86% rate
- 1 days absence each week adds up to 2 months missed over a year.
- 20 days missed every year means that a pupil will probably obtain a whole grade lower in exams.
- Pupils with less than 85% attendance are unlikely to gain 5 A\* - C GCSE qualifications

# Attendance Data

## % Attendance Figures Full School Year: Sept - June

	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012
Year 8	94.90%	93.80%	95%	94.10%	95.90%
Year 9	94.80%	90.50%	93.80%	91.90%	95.70%
Year 10	93.90%	92%	92.60%	90.80%	94.40%
Year 11	92.90%	91.30%	93.40%	88.90%	93.20%
Year 12	93.90%	93%	91.30%	92.30%	94.10%
Year 13	94.20%	94.10%	90.10%	91.00%	94.20%
Year 14	90.60%	93%	88.20%	87.90%	90.20%
Whole School	93.60%	92.50%	92.10%	91.00%	94.00%
WELB	95%				

# Pupils with Chosen Code I, M

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- From 3/09/2012 to 19/05/2013
- 670 pupils had used this code as a reason.
- 9887 sessions were missed
- Average per pupil is 15
- Yr 13 pupil had 62 sessions

# Pupils with Chosen Code D

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- 337 pupils had used this code
- 2775 sessions were missed
- Average per pupil is 8
- Code H: 32 pupils 73 sessions
- Code L: 453 pupils 1680 sessions
- Code O: 151 pupils 412 sessions

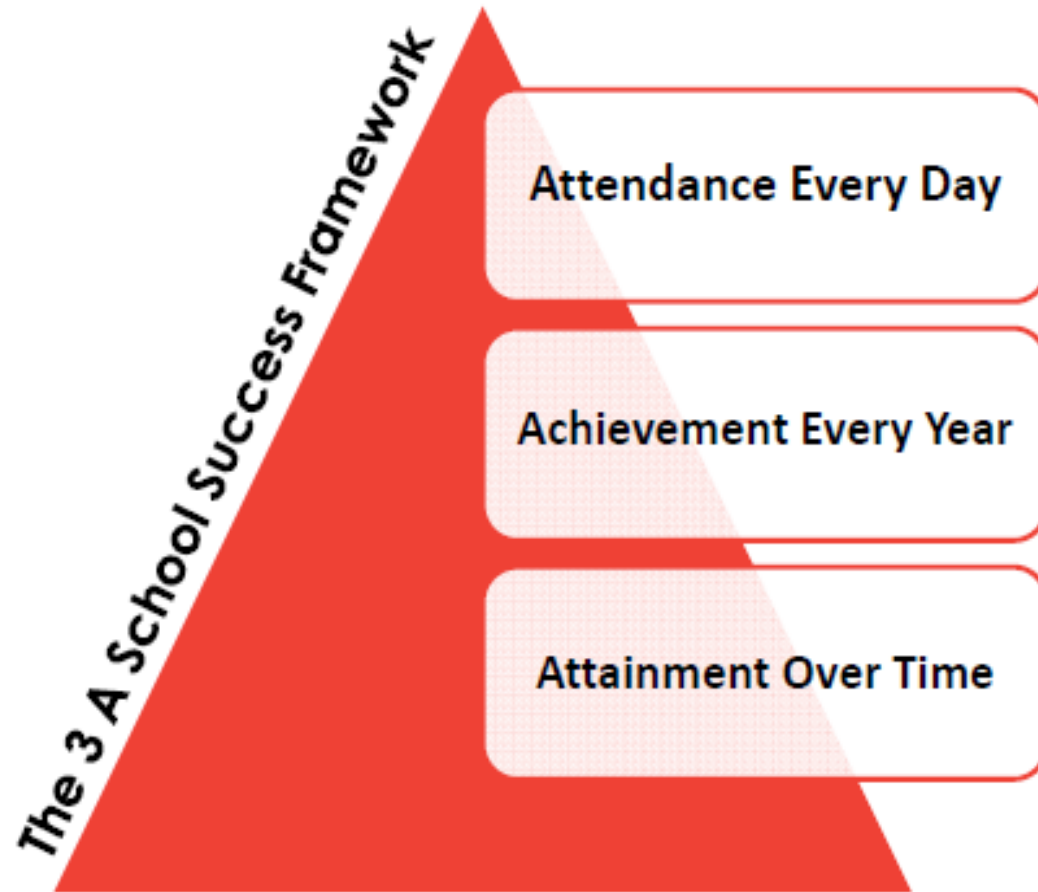
# Leaving School Policy change

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- Pupils may leave school only with written request from a parent. In this case they will:
- Inform the Form Teacher who will sign the request. An appointment card must be presented for medical/dental appointments.
- Report to office and sign out.
- In the event of a pupil not having written permission a parent/carer must sign the pupil out at the school office.

# Whole School Approach

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# Information for Parents/Carers

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- Why is regular attendance important?
- What constitutes good attendance?
- Why must I send my child to school?
- What can parents do to help?
- Leaving school
- Illness/Injury



# School Assembly - Attendance

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Can you see what this picture is?



# So what is good attendance?

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- This is John. He is in Year 8 and his attendance is 90%.
- John thinks this is good and so does his parents.

Is 90% good then?

**90% Attendance**

**=**

**1/2 day missed every week**

**If you were in a job, would your boss allow it?**

90% for one school year.....

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**There are 38 school weeks  
every year...**

**90% attendance means**

**4 WHOLE WEEKS OF  
LESSONS MISSED!!!**

90% Attendance over 5 years....

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**1/2 a school year missed!**



So what does this mean for John?

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**17 missed school days**

**=**

**1 GCSE grade drop in  
achievement**

# Attendance and Achievement

**The greater the attendance,  
the greater the achievement**





# Percentage Attendance by Year 12



**90% = 1 ½ Terms**

**80% = 1 Year**

**70% = 1 ½ Years**



**60% = 2 Years**

**50% = 2 ½ Years**



So 90% .....

**So 90% doesn't sound as good as it first seemed...!**



# How does this affect John's future?



# What can I do?

**Come to school every day  
Be punctual to all lessons**

**BE READY TO  
LEARN!!!**



# Activities to use with Form Class

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- Raise awareness about the importance of attendance
- Explore the benefits of a good attendance record
- Make pupils aware of their own levels of attendance
- To set targets for their own attendance
- To complete Attendance Action Plan
- 'Every Day Counts' poster programme

# Audit of Letters/Calls to parents

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- Record number of letters sent out by Form Teacher
- Record number of letters sent out by Year Head
- Record number of phone calls home
- Improvements

# Remember!

Students Who Miss More Than 10% Of School  
Are At Grave Risk



**Chronic Absence**  
(=> 10% absence)

**Warning Signs**  
(<10% but > 5% absence)

**Satisfactory Attendance**  
(=<5% absence)

**Emergency:** => 20% absence