

# OAO ATTENDANCE NEWS



## Attendance matters!

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Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education. Parents are legally responsible for making sure that children attend school.

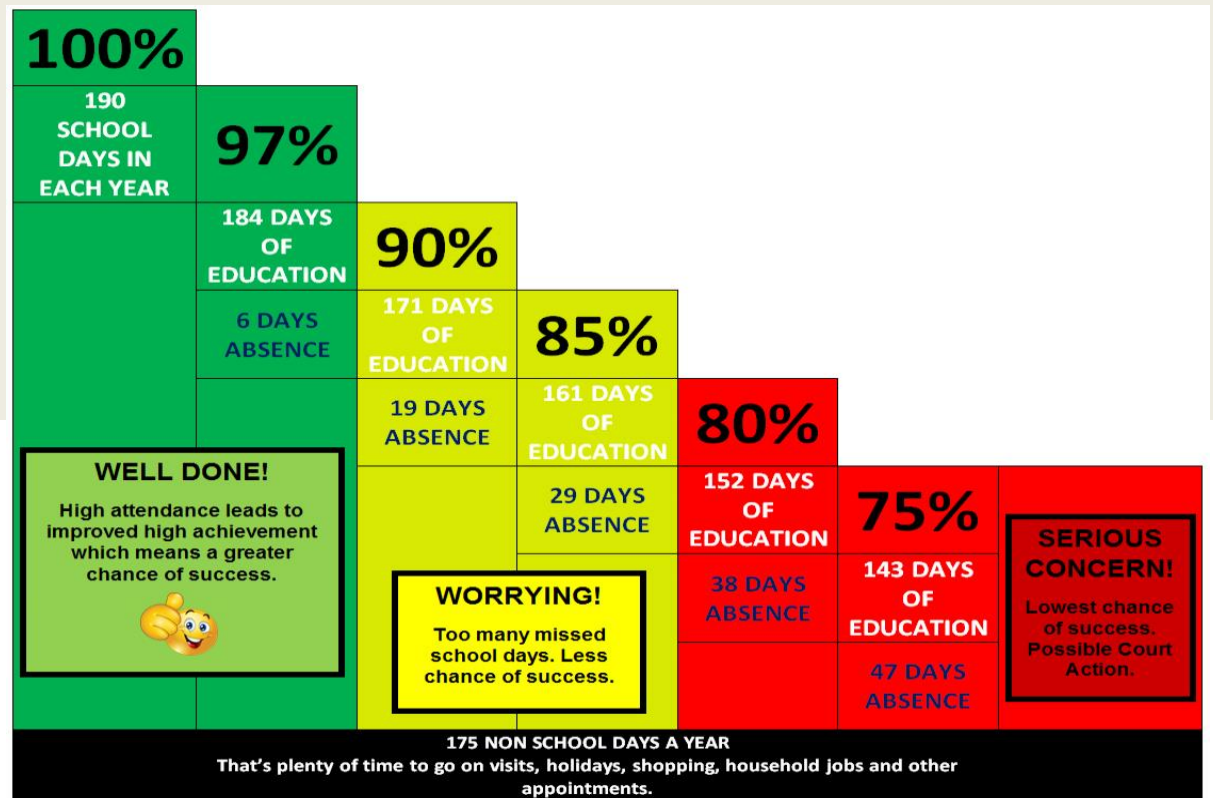
Good attendance at school is not just beneficial, it's essential. Attending school is directly linked to improved exam performance which in turn leads to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills
- Cultural awareness
- Career pathways

### REWARDS – you have to be in to win!

We regularly reward our students for good attendance, including:

- Weekly treats
- Half termly family hampers
- Half termly bike draw
- Live pop acts
- Trips



## Why is good attendance important?

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Schools are regularly contacted by colleges, universities and employers to provide references for students and these include attendance data.

### How to prevent your child from missing school?

You can help prevent your child missing school by:

- having a routine from an early age and sticking it to it
- making sure your child understands the importance of good attendance and punctuality
- making sure they understand the possible implications for themselves and you as a parent if they don't attend
- taking an interest in their education - ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities

- discussing any problems they may have at school and letting their teacher or Principal know about anything that is causing concern
- not letting them take time off school for minor ailments or holidays during term time

To avoid disrupting your child's education, you should arrange (as far as possible), appointments and outings:

- after school hours
- at weekends
- during school holidays

If you would like some support in ensuring that your child's attendance improves, please contact Mrs Hough-West or Ms Heap 01616249630

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