

Attendance



Leigh Academy
Oaks

The Law

The law states quite clearly that children between 5 and 16 years old must receive an education. As a parent or carer, **YOU** are responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education.

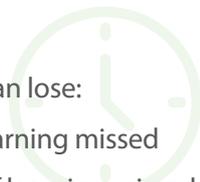
Attendance in school year	Weeks of missed learning	No. of days absent	Attendance % in a term
95%	2 weeks	2 days	93%
90%	4 weeks	3 days	90%
85%	6 weeks (1 term)	5 days	83%
80%	8 weeks	8 days	73%
75%	10 weeks	10 days	67%
70%	11.5 weeks	15 days	50%
65%	13.5 weeks (2 terms)		

Lateness

In a school year, this is how much you can lose:

5 minutes late every day = **3 days** of learning missed

20 minutes late every day = **3 weeks** of learning missed



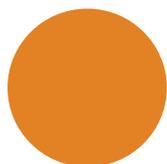
96 - 100%

Attendance levels are good to excellent



93 - 95.9%

Attendance levels are beginning to cause concern



90 - 92.9%

Attendance levels causing significant concern



Below 90%

Attendance decreased to an unacceptable level - below persistent absence rate - despite interventions and support from school

Why it matters

If children don't come to school regularly, they miss out on reading and maths skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into work.

What you can do

- Set regular bedtime and morning routines
- Lay out clothes and bags the night before
- Keep your child healthy with lots of exercise and less junk food
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, friend or another parent
- Try and schedule medical appointments and extended trips during school holidays
- If your child seems anxious, speak to the school
- If you are concerned your child may be ill, speak to the school for advice

