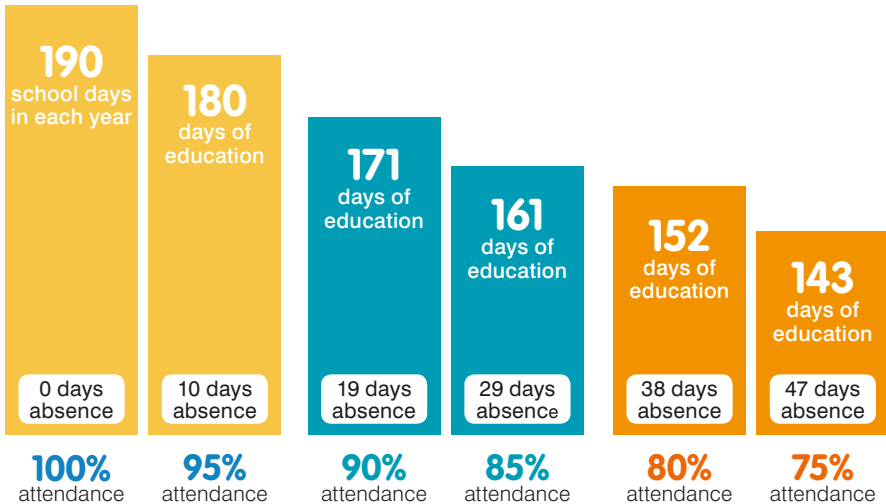


# Good attendance means ...

Being in school at least 95% of the time  
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“Well Done”

“I’m worried”

“I’m seriously concerned”

Best chance of success

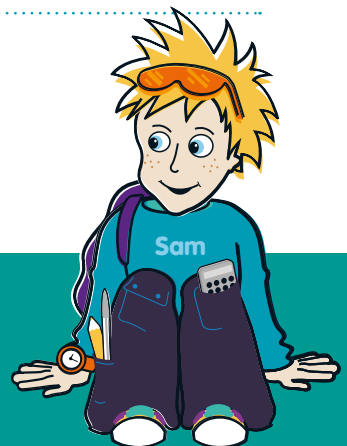
Poor attendance—less chance of success

Very poor attendance—serious impact on education and reduces life chances

There are 365 days in a calendar year

175 days are not spent at school  
So there’s plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments

**Did you know?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%



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Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days ...

This means there are 175 non-school days to:

- Take holidays
- Visit family
- Go shopping
- Attend routine appointments

Did you know whilst children are at school they:

- Make new friends
- Learn and enjoy new experiences
- Feel safe and listened to
- Grow in confidence
- Take part in school trips, events, teams and clubs
- Keep up with school work and homework
- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Are made to feel special when they do well
- Meet and help people in the community
- Are rewarded for good or improved attendance

As a parent/carer you can help by:

- Telling your child how important school is
- Praising your child's achievements and celebrating their success
- Organising non-urgent medical appointments after school
- Helping your child get into a routine at breakfast and bedtime
- Encourage healthy eating and exercise
- Organising your child's equipment, PE kit, bus fare etc the night before school
- Taking time to talk to your child about what they have done in school and any problems they might have

Every Schoolday Counts will help by:

- Offering your child's school all the support they need
- Rewarding and celebrating your child's good or improved attendance
- Encouraging friendly competition
- Running exciting campaigns to motivate children to attend school
- Providing an information and advice service to parents/carers

**Every Schoolday Counts in Doncaster**

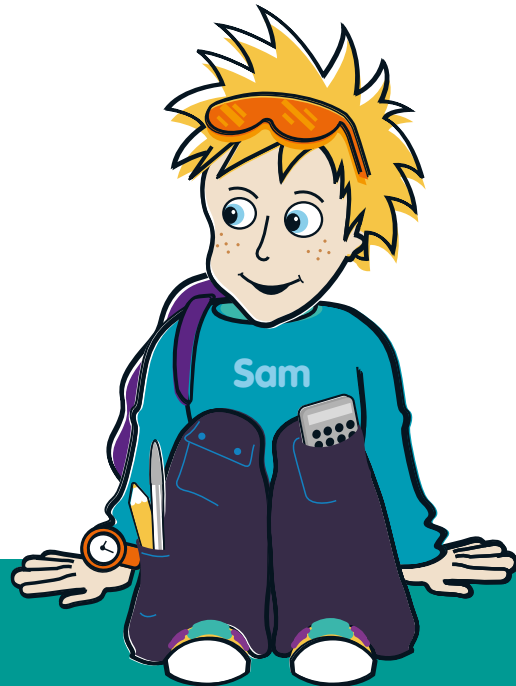
Attend, enjoy, achieve

**Better late than never, but never late is better!**

# Hints and tips for good attendance

## Remember, if your child is going to be absent ...

- Contact the school on the first day of absence
- Advise the school as to how long you think your child will be absent, if possible
- Bring a note of explanation when your child returns and find out what work they have missed



Consider the school breakfast club. This way your child will be in school on time and ready to learn!

Arrange your child's doctors, dentists, and hospital appointments for after school whenever possible.

Talk to your child about school and any problems they might have.

Tell your child how important school is.

Remember to let your child know how much being ready for school on time helps the whole family.

Ensure your child is awake in plenty of time every school morning.

Teach your child how to set their alarm clock.

Implementing no TV some school mornings may be a good idea.

Take family holidays during school holiday periods.

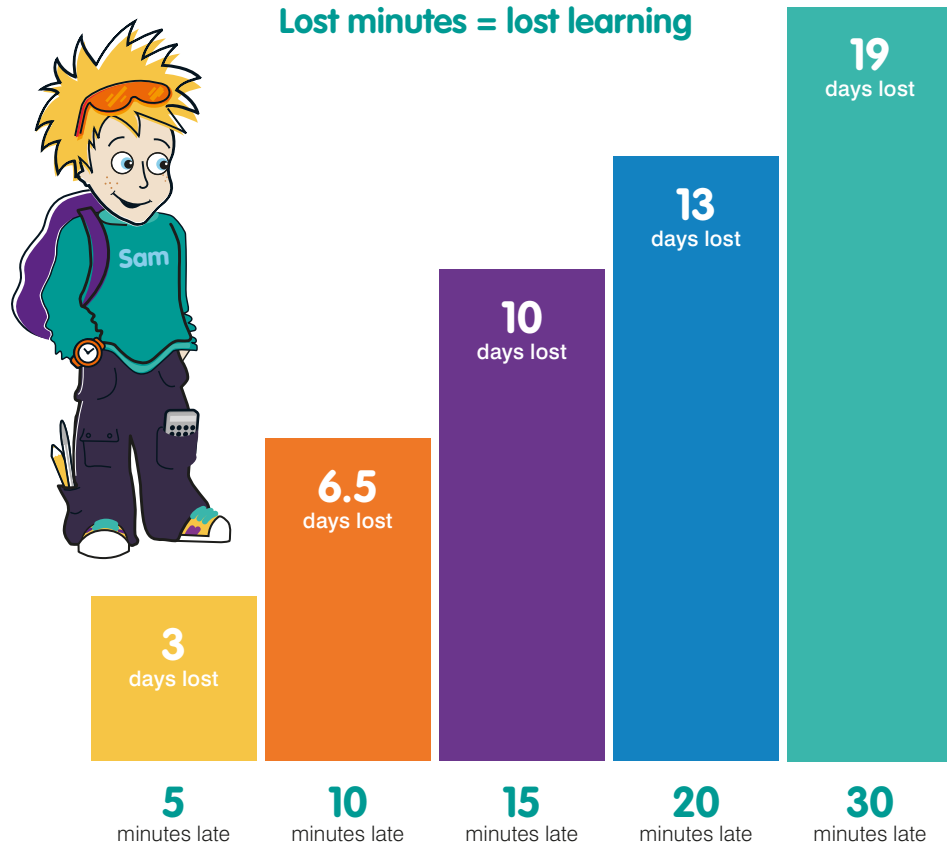
Encourage your child to prepare their school uniform the night before.

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## Good time keeping means ...

Making sure your child is at school  
and ready to learn, before the bell rings!

## Every minute really does count!



**Every school day counts**  
but every **minute** is equally important!

School mornings can be hectic but when your child is late for school this means they are losing out on vital parts of their education. Being as little as five minutes late each day is the equivalent of missing three full days of school in one year.

### Being in school on time:

- Is a positive start to the day
- Helps your child get the most from their education
- Establishes routine and helps your child get into good patterns for the future
- Helps your child to maintain relationships
- Leads to achievement and success

### How can you help?

- Encourage your child to prepare for school the night before by getting their uniform, dinner money and school bag ready
- Agree a time with your child and help them set their alarm clock to make sure they get up in plenty of time for school

### Did you know?

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!\*

\*Over one full academic year

- See if your child's school has breakfast club. This way your child can be in school early, have a healthy breakfast and be ready to start class on time
- Negotiate reasonable bedtimes
- Ensure your child completes their homework the night before instead of at breakfast time
- Organise your child's routine doctor, dentist and hospital appointments for after school
- When your child is ready for school on time, remember to let him or her know how much it helps the whole family

We recognise that on occasions there may be a genuine reason for lateness.

**If your child is going to be late:**

- Try and inform the school before hand
- Give an explanation when your child arrives at school

If there is a particular reason for a child's continuous lateness, you should discuss this with school staff who may be able to help.