

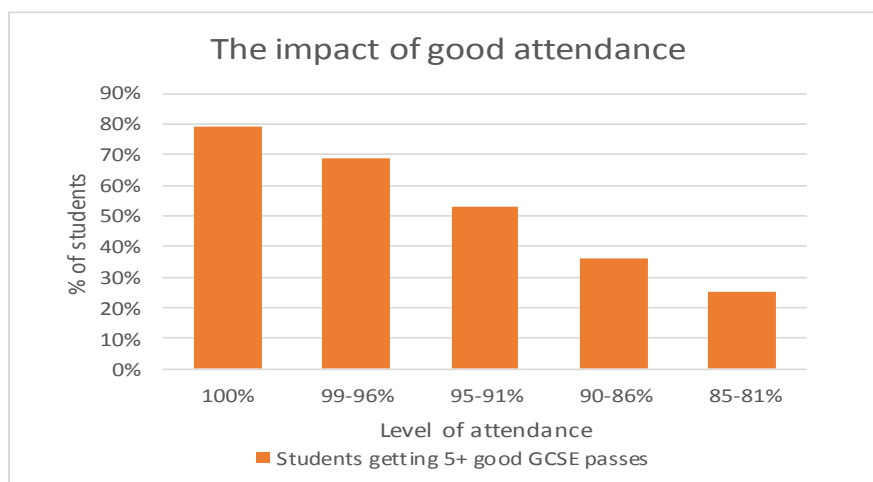


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Absence from school

Each day missed from school is a day of learning missed. Research shows a clear link between good school attendance and school success. Students who attend school well do better. The research covers where absence is authorised, such as in the case of illness.



The impact of attendance			
Attendance	100%	95%	90%
% students with 5+ good GCSEs Inc. English and Maths	78.7%	55%	39%



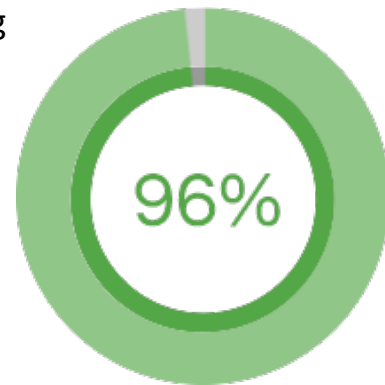
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Attendance percentages

Remember that although attending school 90% of the time may sound quite good, 90% attendance would mean missing a day every two weeks. That would be a month of learning missed by the end of the year!

The school aims for all students to have attendance of 96% or better, and as close to 100% as possible.



Illness

Parent's must contact the school before 9am **on each day** their child is absent from school due to ill health.

If your child has a prolonged absence from school due to illness we may ask for a medical certificate or other evidence of their condition.

If your child is unwell during the school day you may be contacted to arrange their collection from school.

Reporting an absence

You can e-mail a reason for absence to:
attendance@minster.notts.sch.uk

or telephone: 01636 817366



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Guidance on when to send your child to school

For more information, please see the NHS guidance
<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx>

Cough and cold. A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school.

Raised temperature. If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better.

Rash. Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school.

Headache. A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.

Vomiting and diarrhoea. Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.

Sore throat. A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school.

Chickenpox. If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over.



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Requests to miss learning

The Department for Education guidance to schools makes it clear that permission to miss learning should only be granted in the most exceptional circumstances. As a school we refuse requests for absence in the majority of circumstances. We understand that this may be frustrating, such as when events are arranged by others in school time. We hope you understand that the reason for our refusal is with your child's success in mind.

It is your legal duty and our responsibility to ensure students attend school well. It is therefore important that we work together to make this happen.

Make each day count

- Book appointments outside of school time
- If no other option is possible, try to book so little learning is missed. Such as at the end of a school day
- Talk positively to your child about attending school
- Talk positively about working hard at school
- When a child does miss school, discuss how work can be caught up
- Contact the school if you feel you need support in improving your child's school attendance