

How absence affects chances of success

Attendance	Days missed in one year	Weeks missed in one year	Lessons missed in one year	Weeks missed in 5 years	Lessons missed in 5 years
99%	2	0	12	2	60
98%	4	1	24	5	120
95%	11	2	66	10 (one term)	330
90%	20	4	120	20 (two terms)	600
85%	30	6 (half term)	180	30 (almost one year)	900
80%	58	12 (one term)	348	60	1740

It is a well-known fact that the better the attendance, the more likely pupils will gain good GCSEs.

The table shows that pupils who miss school regularly have much less chance of gaining good GCSEs, as they will fall behind due to the number of lessons they miss.