



# Droitwich Spa Family of Schools



What is your child  
missing today?



# Outstanding Attendance = Outstanding Learners

## Attendance is essential for:

- A good learning ethos.
- Forming strong friendships.
- Safe lifestyles.
- High achievement.
- A positive attitude to work.



**Simon's attendance is around 90%.  
Do you think this is good?**

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
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**Absent 1/2 day a week = 90%  
attendance per year graph**

If Simon continues to attend for 90% of the time, then over 5 years he will miss the equivalent of half a school year!

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
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**Absent 1 day a week = 80%  
attendance per year**

If Simon continues to attend for 80% of the time, then over 5 years he will miss the equivalent of 1 school year!

| Year | September  July |                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1    |                                                                                                    |                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2    |                                                                                                    | 90% attendance over 5 school years = 1/2 school year missed! |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3    |                                                                                                    |                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4    | 80% attendance over 5 school years = 1 school year missed!                                         |                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5    |                                                                                                    |                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Children need to be at school every day and on time.  
This important learning time is lost forever!**

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We all **need** to work together to ensure high levels of attendance.

### Our aim is for children to be in the following groups

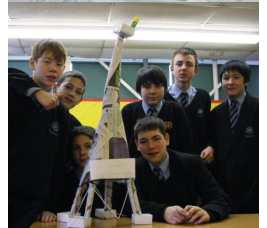
- 100% attendees who will always be rewarded in school.
- Improving attendees who are always encouraged.

### What do we ask from parents?

- To contact the school on the morning of any absence.
- To send in a note on the first day of your child's return to school to explain the reason for absence.
- To make medical appointments after school hours, wherever possible.
- To take family holidays during school holidays. **A two week holiday in school time limits your child to 95% attendance.**
- To ensure the school is kept up to date with changes to contact addresses and numbers.
- To contact the school about planned absences.

### What will the school do?

- Attempt to establish contact with you by telephone if no call has been received.
- Where attendance is a cause for concern, the school will offer support on how to improve attendance. This could include support by the Educational Welfare Service and other agencies.



**Persistent poor attendance can lead to prosecution.**

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## Pupils

"It's important to come to school so you can learn everything and go on to university".

## Parents

"The school staff will help you and give you advice. I always go to the school office and let them know when my child can't be in school".

## Governors

"Governors actively discourage children taking holiday during the school term because children miss important class work".



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