

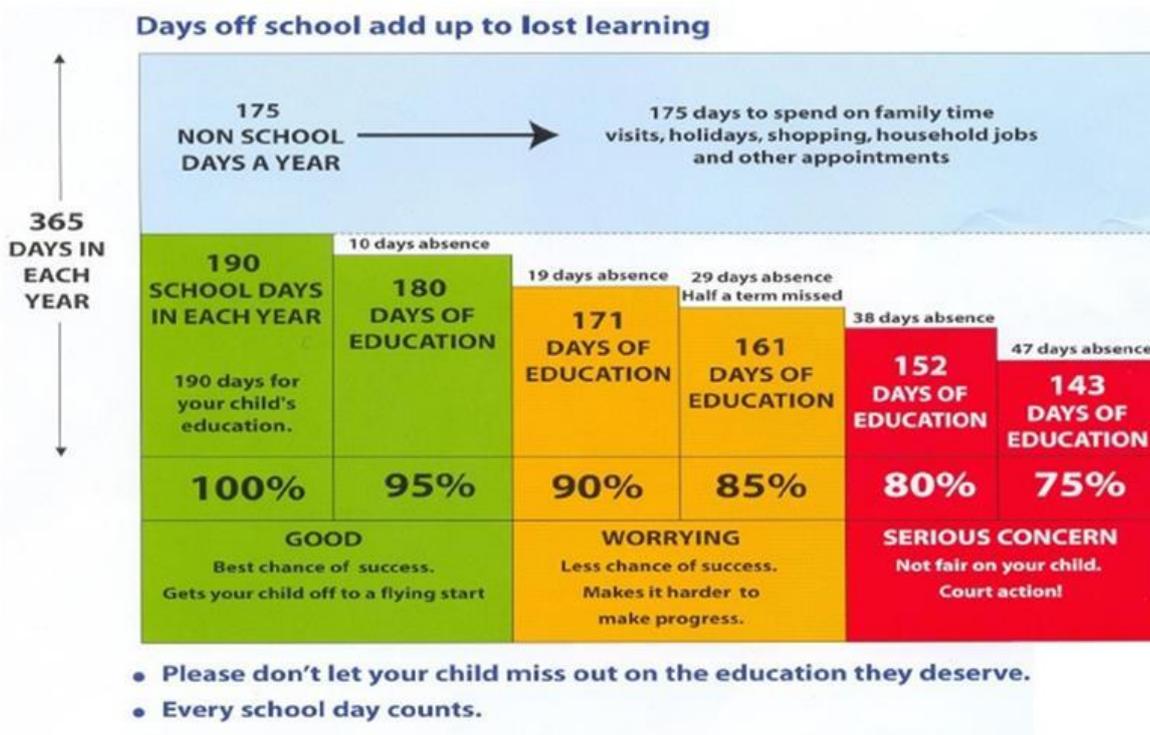
Dear Parents/Carers

Notification re: Attendance

At Firside Junior School we are committed to helping every child develop into a high achieving, confident, healthy and resilient person, creating a pathway to support their future aspirations, independence and contribution to society.

In order to do this we know that every day your child is in school counts. Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. Our aim is to work with parents and carers to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

As you may be aware, we are required by the local Authority to look at our attendance levels on a regular basis and our attendance target is 96%.



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I am writing to advise you that your child's attendance is below 90% and they have missed over 5 days of school so far, this academic year.

Whilst I am aware that the missed sessions may be due to genuine illness or other authorised absences, the Government remains very clear no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances.

We are concerned with how this amount of absence will impact on your child's education and therefore we hope to see an improvement in their attendance.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact the school and request an appointment with a member of staff or the school attendance officer to discuss any issues that could be preventing your child from attending school regularly.

Yours sincerely

Mr Keer

Deputy Headteacher and Attendance Lead

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