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In each Academic Year there are only a maximum of 100 statutory school days – this allows plenty of time for holidays to be arranged outside term time.

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Parents who do not send their children to school regularly may find themselves the subject of legal action, including the possibility of a court order compelling attendance. Attendance percentages can be misleading.

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Excellent

95% Attendance 9 Days of Absence

Satisfactory

90% Attendance 19 Days of Absence

Poor

85% Attendance 28 Days of Absence

Unacceptable

80% Attendance 38 Days of Absence

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Very Poor

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Miss Out!! Miss Out!!

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