



Hartsbourne Primary School

Pupil Attendance Leaflet for Parents

90% attendance could be the difference between exceeding expectations or under achieving....

Improving attendance by 1% can contribute to a 5% improvement in pupil attainment.

(DfES).



Multi-cultural Event, March 2014

STUDENTS WITH AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF 94% AND ABOVE, USUALLY ACHIEVE WELL IN COMPARISON WITH THOSE WHO HAVE A POOR ATTENDANCE RATE.

Children at Hartsbourne with an 80% attendance rate made less than average progress in 2012-2013:
(1 point of progress instead of 3 points over the year)

EXAMPLE OF ATTENDANCE:

Rita was in Year 3 and John was in Year 5. Their attendance for the whole year was about 90%. Their parents think that's pretty good.

FACTS:

- * 90% attendance is equivalent to 20 days of absence per academic year.
- * 90% attendance equals one half-day of absence per week.
- * 90% attendance is the equivalent of four whole weeks of missed lessons over the year.
- * 90% attendance means four maths and literacy lessons per week instead of five.

IT ALL ADDS UP....

- 5 days holiday booked for last week of autumn term
- 7 days of illness over the year
- 2 days for orthodontist appointments then shopping
- 1 day for birthday treat
- 1 day for late night party on weekend
- 4 days holiday booked for last week of summer term

**90% ATTENDANCE RATE OVER 5 YEARS IS THE
EQUIVALENT OF MISSING HALF
A SCHOOL YEAR!
.... 80% IS EQUIVALENT TO MISSING
A WHOLE YEAR!**

OUR TARGET FOR EVERY CHILD IS 96%