

Missing School is Missing Out



Research shows that children who regularly miss more than 2 weeks of school throughout their Primary years tend to under-perform in their 4th year exams.

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You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time. In an average year there are over 175 days a year available for holidays to be arranged outside term time!

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Attendance percentages can be misleading.

Even with 90% attendance a child will have missed:

- almost $\frac{1}{2}$ a day per week
- 19 days per year
- 247 days over their school career – which is over 1 year of lost education.

Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

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Primary 1 children

learn new phonics every week

– these are the building blocks for all future learning.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow your child to fulfil their potential and for them to have the best possible start in life.

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