Attendance is incredibly important to a child's learning, but it is not always easy to motivate certain young people to attend as regularly as they should. We know that it has been especially hard for some students to re-establish a routine after the disruption of the pandemic. We are keen to make sure that every child has as much access to learning opportunities as possible, meet their potential and support parents and carers simultaneously.

We would like to share some valuable information about the impact of absence on a child's education and signpost some useful resources to help support your child.

Have a look at these statistics:

The truth about good attendance.......

Increase your chances of achieving strong passes at GCSE (9-5 grades)

94% attendance	= Very good chance of achieving strong passes
93%	= Good chance of achieving strong passes
92%	 Fair chance of achieving strong passes
90%	= Less than 50% chance of passing
88%	= Less than 35% chance of passing
< 88%	= Less than 30% chance of passing

Did you know????

If your child achieves 80% over their 5 years of education they would miss an entire school year!

Approximate Days Absence in a School Year		
Attendance Rate	By End of School Year	
100%	0	
95%	10 days	
90%	20 days	
85%	30 days	
80%	40 days	

WANT HELP?
TRY THESE LINKS OVERLEAF

Here are a few links that we think you may find useful in helping to encourage improved attendance with your child:

1: https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/education/school-university/coping-school-refusal/?msclkid=c2a4c6fed10a11ec82577defa8905c23



What is school refusal and what can I do about it?

How do I deal with school refusal? If your child is refusing to go to school, this is known as 'school refusal' or 'school phobia'. This is often caused by fear and anxious feelings.

parents.actionforchildren.org.uk

2: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/?msclkid=c2a57cdcd10a11ec946e793225a517a1#Wheretogetfurthersupport

A guide for parents on school anxiety and refusal, with advice on supporting them and tips on working with school and other services.

3. https://notfineinschool.co.uk/home



Not Fine in School - School Refusal, School Attendance

Not Fine in School is a parent/carer-led organisation set up in response to the growing number of children and young people who struggle with school attendance. This is often inaccurately and unfairly referred to as 'school refusal', instead we prefer to use the terms 'school attendance problems' & 'school attendance barriers'.

notfineinschool.co.uk

This is a fabulous site which is a parent/carer led organisation set up in response to the growing number of children and young people that struggle with school attendance.

We understand that some of this information may not be entirely relevant to your child, however we would like to emphasise we are invested in your child's future and are here to support their needs on their learning journey.

We are eager to support you in improving the attendance of your child and would love to meet with you to discuss any strategies should you wish. As ever please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to have a dialogue about this, or about any other way in which we can work together to support this important phase of your child's education.