

At Dukhan English School,
we are going to celebrate
and reward good attendance.
Here are a few reasons why...



This is Ahmed. He is in Year 6 and has 90% attendance

Do you think that is good?

What does 90% actually mean?

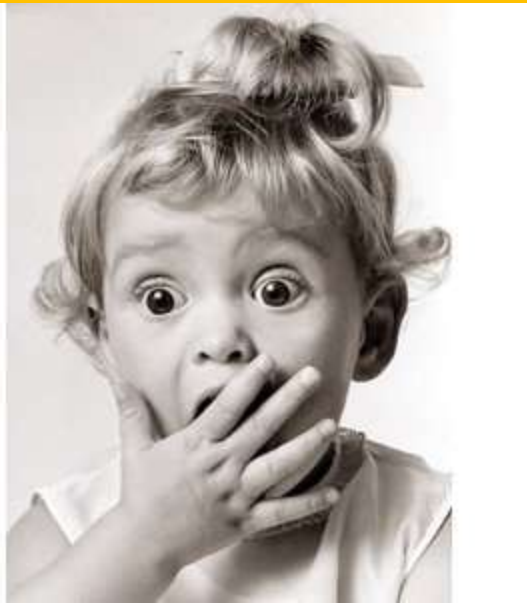


Ahmed and his parents think this is good. Are they correct?

90% attendance = 1/2 day absent from school every week



What does this mean every year for Ahmed and other children like him?



1 full school year



90% attendance



Absent from lessons for **4 weeks**



90% attendance over **5** years of school = $\frac{1}{2}$ a school **year** **absent**



What impact might this have on Ahmed's future.....?

Research suggests that **17 days absent** from school in **one year** = **GCSE grade drop** in achievement (DCSF)

The better your child's attendance the greater his/her achievement



What about your child's
school reference?

What do universities or
employers want to read
about your child's
attendance and reliability?

Days off school add up to lost learning

185 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 185 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
180 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR 190 days for your child's education	10 days absence 170 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed 151 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence 142 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence 133 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

So..... 90% is not as good as
it first seemed

What can you do as a parent to
ensure at least good
attendance?



✓ Keep your own record of how many days absence your child has from school



✓ Talk regularly with your child about school and how he/she feels about it

✓ Phone us as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent



✓ Only grant days at home for genuine illness



✓ Avoid taking additional holidays in school time



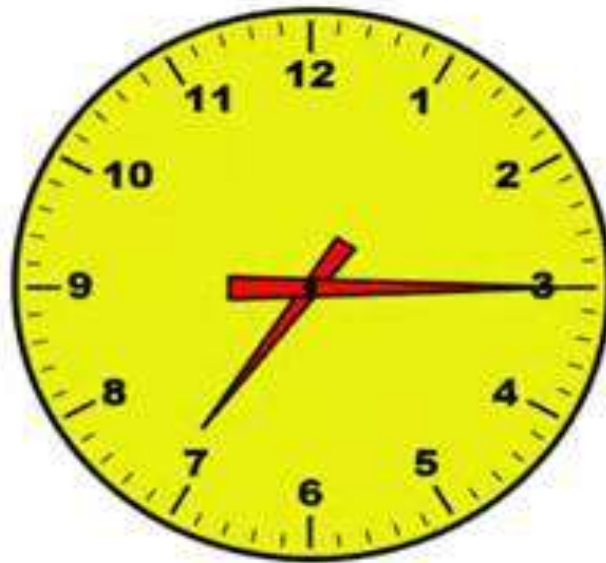
What does good attendance mean?

Almost ALL pupils with **good attendance** go on to **leave school with qualifications** that **support their future training and employment**

At DES, if we can **improve** attendance by **1%** we should see a **5% increase** in **achievement** (DfES)



It is important that your child attends school regularly and is also on time



Arriving late.....

Can make your child sad, embarrassed and unsettled



He/she will miss vitally important learning time with their class teachers and friends

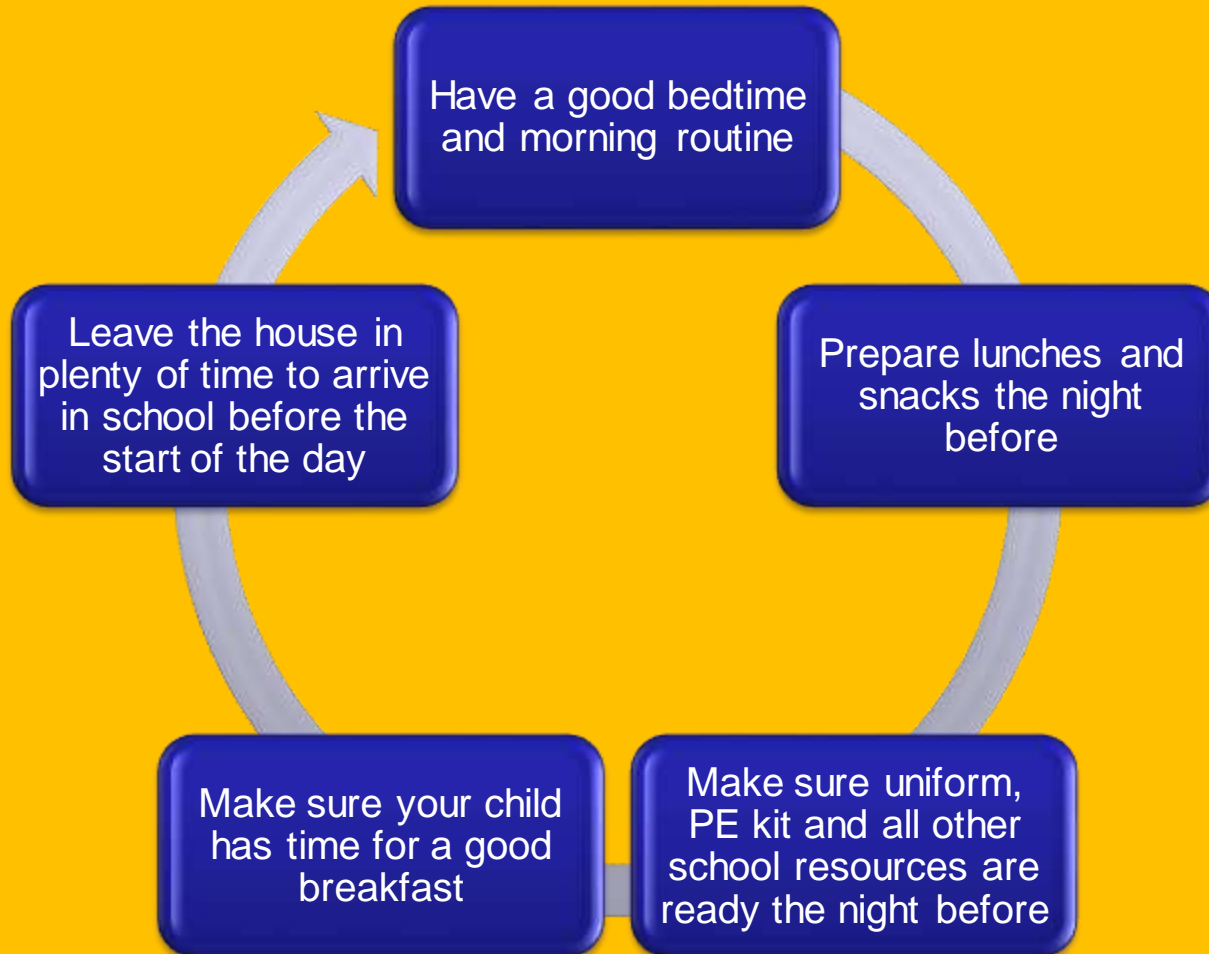
If your child arrives in school after 7.30am he/she will receive a late mark



If your child is 10 minutes late for school every day he/she will have missed one whole week of school at the end of the year!



Top tips for arriving in school on time...



Attendance in the Primary Years at DES During October 2016

Group	% Attend 02/10 – 06/10	% Attend 09/10 – 13/10	% Attend 16/10 – 20/10	% Attend 23/10 – 27/10
Nursery	82.9	82	75.1	78.5
Reception	90.4	92.1	89.6	89.8
Year 1	88.9	92.6	95.4	88.4
Year 2	95	92.9	93.3	93
Year 3	94.5	94.3	95.4	95.3
Year 4	94.2	93.8	95.9	89.5
Year 5	97	97.2	97	94
Year 6	94.8	95.9	96.1	96.3
Totals	92.5	92.8	92.7	90.9

To sum up....

Whether you've just started school or are merely a few months from leaving school the most important thing.....

is to attend every day!

Please **help** us and **your child** by ensuring his/her attendance remains above **95%**, allowing them to **achieve** their potential

Every lesson counts!