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# Attendance Guidance for Schools and ELC Settings

## Easy Read Guide

### Why Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is essential for children to reach their full potential, both academically and socially.

High attendance means children are more likely to succeed in school and have better future opportunities.

Perth and Kinross Council's goal is for every child to aim for 100% attendance. However, the minimum expectations are:

- 96% attendance for primary school students
- 92% attendance for secondary school students

If a child frequently misses school, they may face challenges such as:

- Gaps in learning and understanding
- Difficulty catching up with peers
- Higher risk of poor emotional health or mental health issues
- Fewer future job or education opportunities

### Who Should Follow This Guide?

This guide applies to:

- Parents and families of children attending Perth and Kinross schools.
- School staff responsible for managing and promoting attendance.
- Agencies and services that work with children, young people, and families to ensure they stay engaged in education.