

# Kilbarchan Primary School

## Why Attendance Matters to Us



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### Why Is Attendance Important?

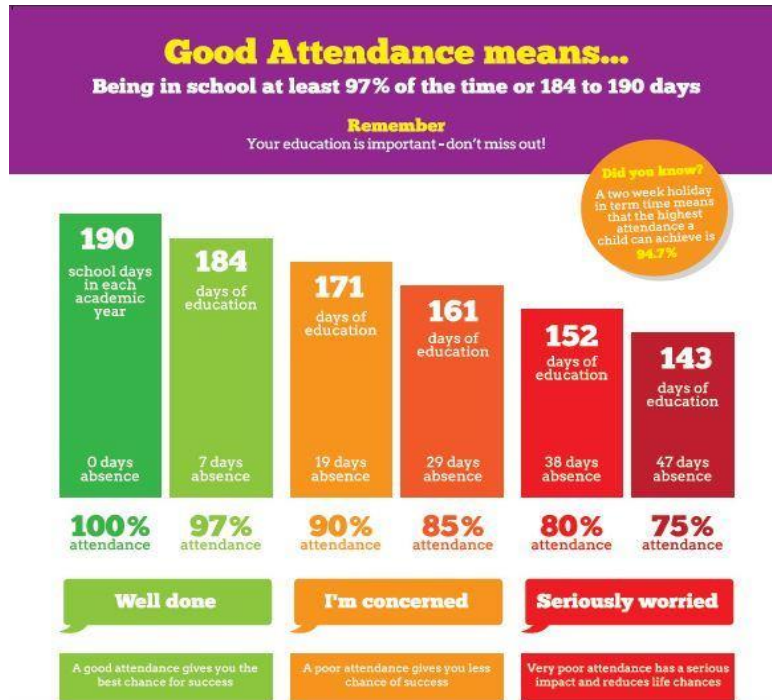
Excellent attendance at school is important to allow your child to fulfil their potential and for them to have the best possible start in life.

Being on time for school is equally important. This transition from home to school is carefully managed by all our staff in school to ensure they are ready to start learning and missing this vital time regularly takes away from this.

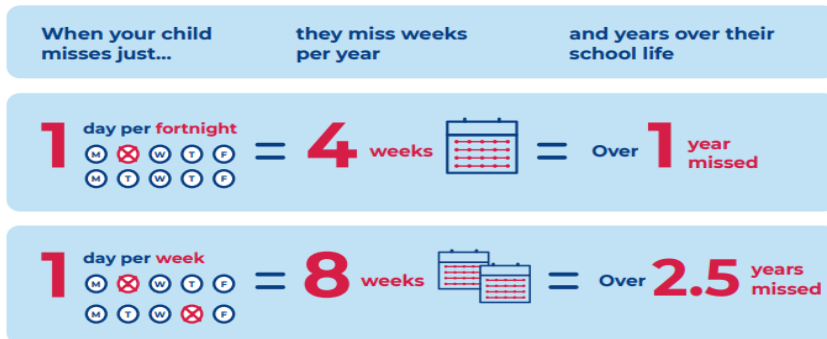
Being on time and being in school are important for lots of reasons. Some of these are:

- To learn
- To have fun and make new friends
- To understand responsibility
- To experience new things in life
- To develop awareness of other cultures, religions, ethnicity, and gender difference
- To develop new skills
- To build confidence and self-esteem
- To prepare for adult life
- To grow as individuals

Sometimes, attendance at school can dip without it feeling that much of an issue. However, on looking at the numbers below, it is clear how easily missed days can have an impact:



We want all our children to have as many opportunities to learn and succeed as possible. Being at school goes a long way to achieve this.



## Under Section 30 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

*'It shall be the duty of the parent of every child of school age to provide efficient education for him suitable of his age, ability, and aptitude either by causing him to attend public school regularly or by other means'*

### How can you prevent attendance being an issue?

**Keep in touch** – the school will do all they can to support your child.

**Keep Informed** – we share lots of information about what is going on in school and talking to your child might help prepare them for the day.

**Be On Time** – your child gets the chance to check in with their classmates and their teacher every morning. This has been shown to really help children be ready to learn.