

## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES CAN BE MISLEADING

### CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

%		SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	OUTLOOK FOR YOUR CHILD
100%	Excellent	0 Days	Gives your child the best chance of success
95%	Good	9 days (1 week and 4 days)	
90%	Below average	19 days (4 weeks and 4 days)	Starts to become harder for your child to progress
85%	Unsatisfactory	27 days (5 weeks and 3 days)	<u><b>SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS</b></u> Harder to make and maintain friendships  Becomes difficult to catch up with work  A child with below 85% attendance can be referred to the Education Welfare Service
80%		36 days (7 weeks and 3 days)  <u><b>*HALF A TERM MISSED*</b></u>	
70%	Unacceptable	57 days (11 weeks and 2 days)  <u><b>*1 WHOLE TERM MISSED*</b></u>	<u><b>VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS</b></u> Extremely difficult to catch up with work.  Increased risk of social isolation  Child unlikely to have a positive view of education  Becomes harder to succeed in mainstream education; unlikely to gain qualifications, resulting in a difficult transition to positive destination (employment, further education)  Extremely likely to impact on confidence, self-esteem and mental health  Risk of legal action against parent/carer which may result in prosecution