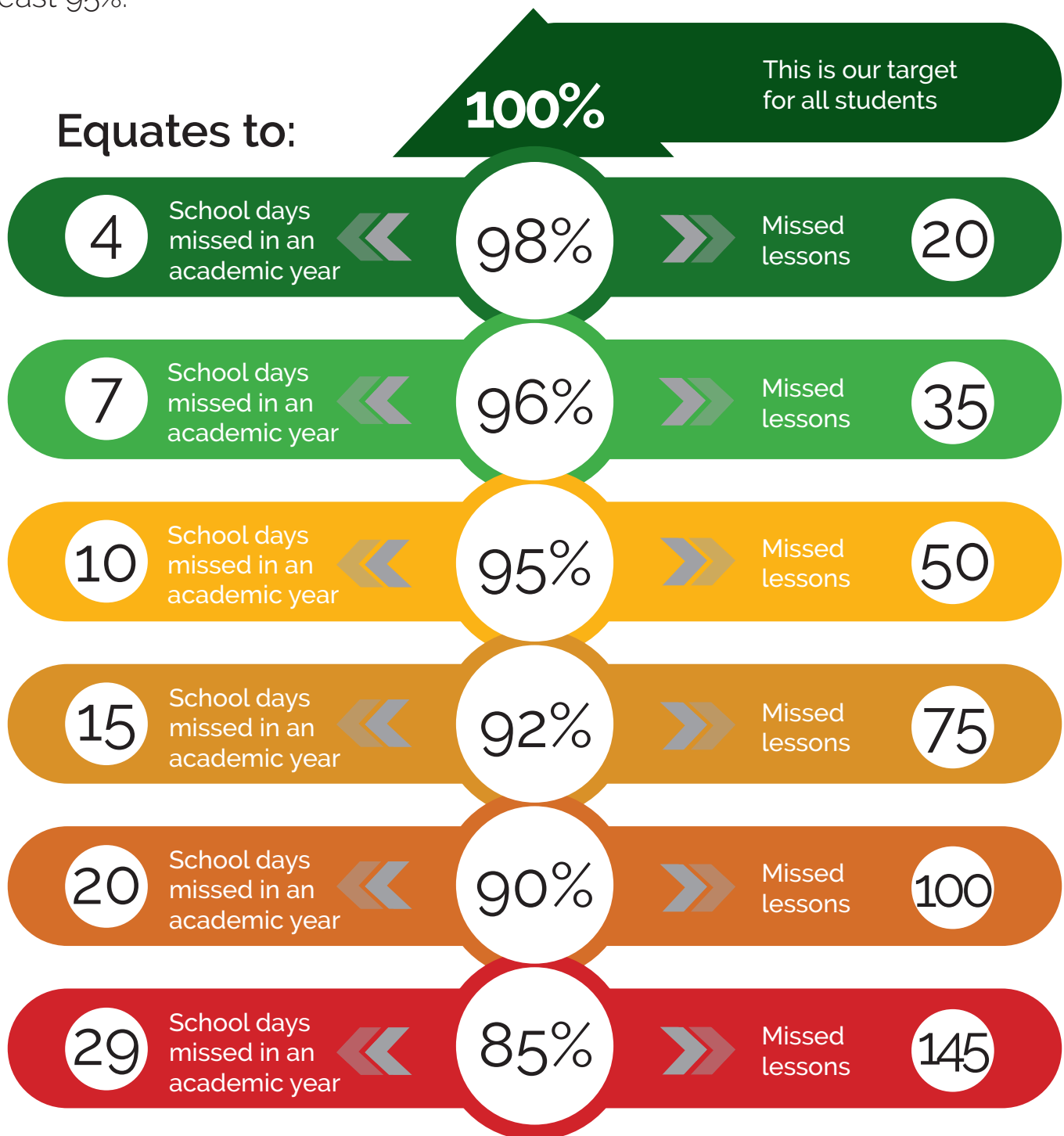


EVERY DAY COUNTS

School and future success starts with great attendance.

Absence from School

Children are required by law to attend school for 190 days per academic year. The Government states that every student's attendance should be at least 95%.



Remember:

Your education is important - don't miss out!

It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school. There are government guidelines for schools, these say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone school on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and provide the reason.

Should I keep my child off school and if yes, how long for?

Yes	Until
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics
No - but please make sure to advise the school if your child has any of the following	
Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

COUGHS AND COLDS

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

We advise that you do not plan for your child to be absent without speaking to the school first to obtain prior approval.

Further information and an *Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Request Form* can be found on our website under the Key Documents and Policies tab.

Please note that the school day is **divided into two registration periods**; for example, if your child is absent for one day, this equals two sessions and a five day absence equals ten sessions.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

The law requires that all children of compulsory school age must receive a full-time education. **Once your child is registered at school, you are responsible for ensuring that they attend regularly.** The Local Authority (LA) may take legal

action against you if this does not happen. Your child's school is responsible by law for reporting their poor attendance to the Education Welfare Service (EWS). You may be asked to provide medical support to cover your child's regular absences due to medical reasons or a long-term illness.

PARENT/CARER PENALTIES FOR NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL

If parents/carers are failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school, they may face a fine of **£1,000 - £2,500** under Sections 444 (1) & 444 (1A) of the Education Act 1996.

Parent/carers can also be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice if their child has 10 or more unauthorised absences. This includes holidays in term-time, lates after registration and truancy. The fine is **£60** and if not paid within 21 days the fine is **£120**.