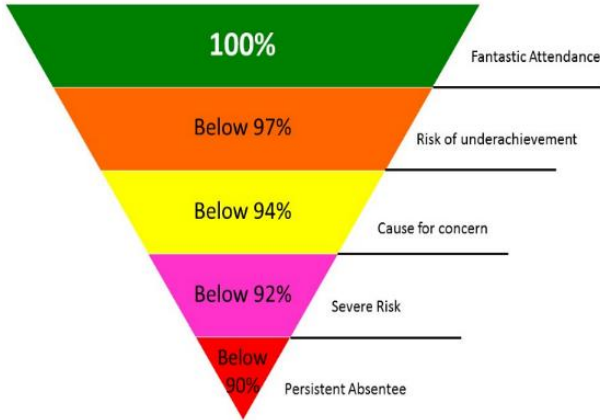


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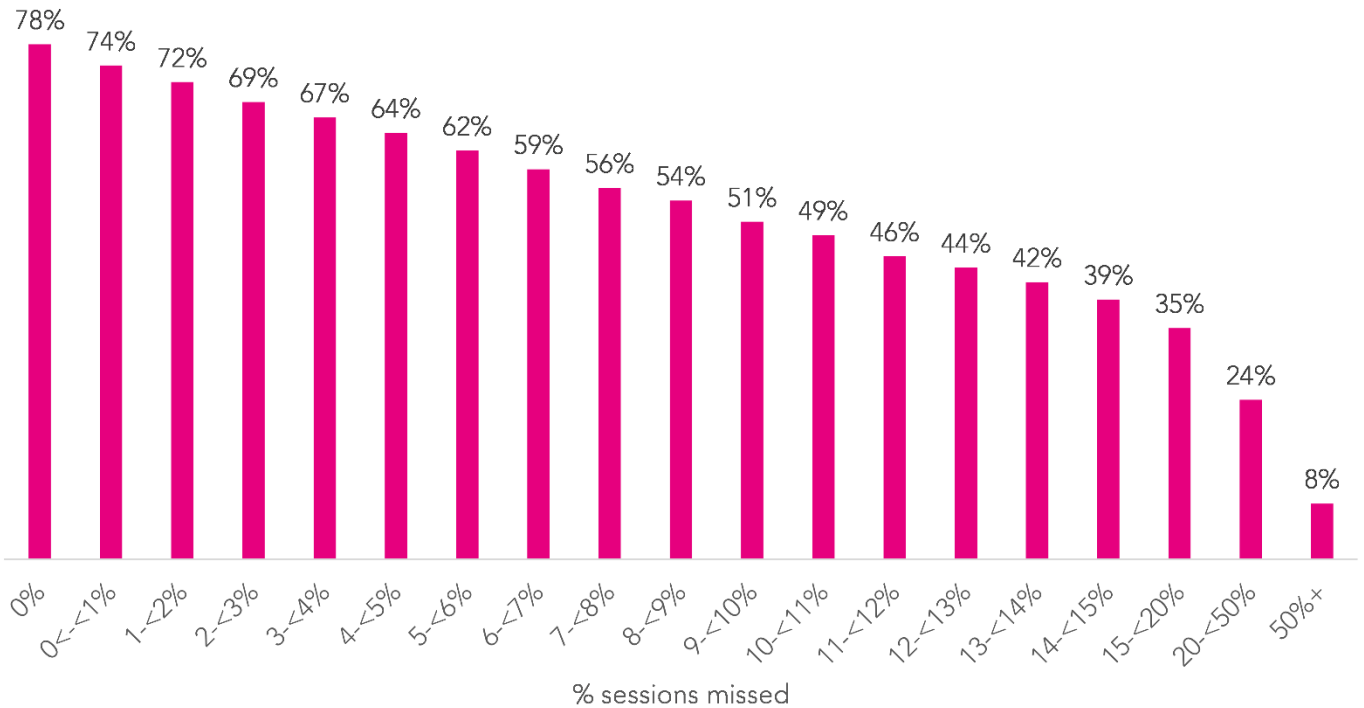


We have had a great start to our new school term. The children are settling well and have already engaged in so many wonderful learning opportunities. Behaviour has been great across school and it is so nice to hear to super manners and general politeness across school!



The team would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of our families who consistently ensure their children's **attendance and punctuality** is good. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference to their futures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and the tables below show that the children who are in school more, do better.

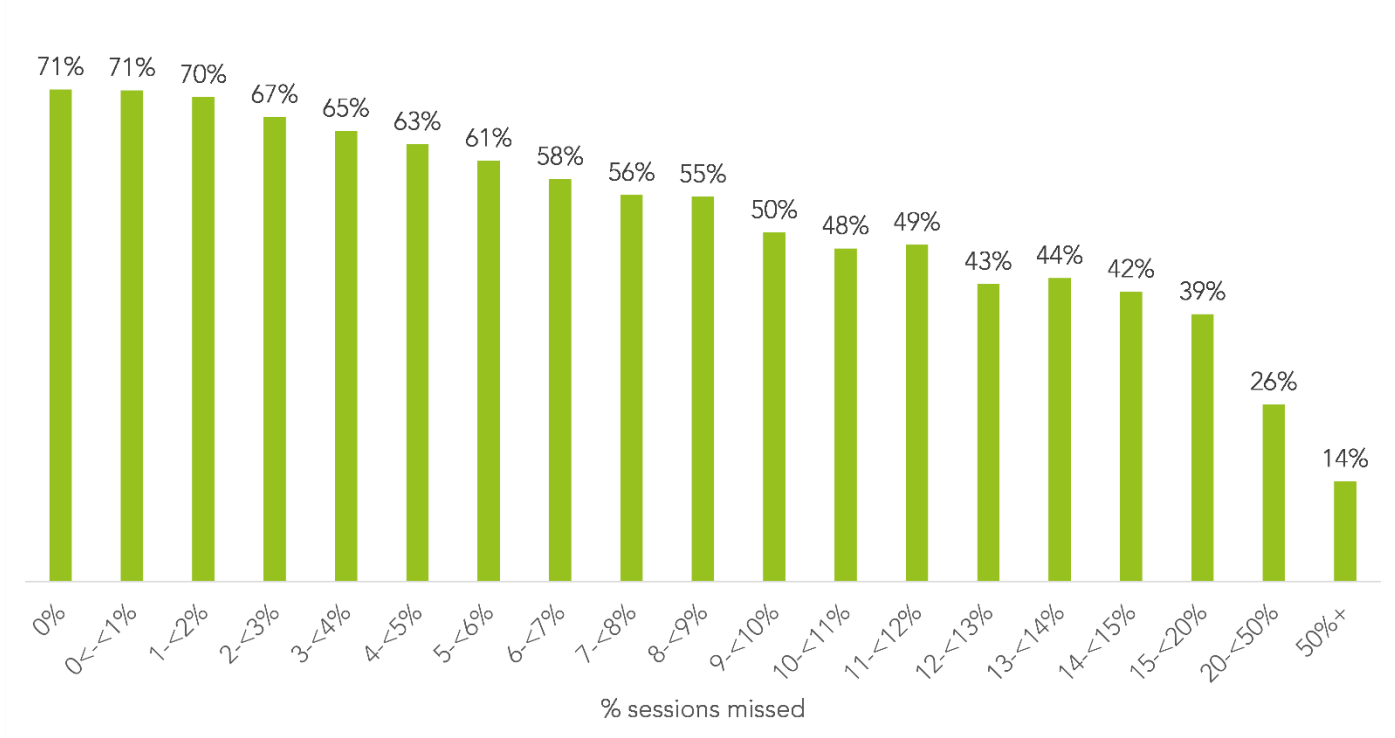
% pupils achieving the expected standard in KS1 reading, writing & maths by absence 2018/19
State-funded mainstream schools





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% pupils achieving the expected standard in KS2 reading, writing & maths by absence, 2022/23
State-funded mainstream schools



If your child is going to be absent from school

Contact must be made first thing that morning and each day thereafter and can be made by calling school on 01332 835 439. Please provide us with as much information as possible about why your child cannot attend school. The office staff and/or School Attendance Officer, Miss Melbourne, may still contact you if we require further information regarding their illness. Please always give an honest reason why your child is not in school. Attendance monitoring continues every day and relayed back to the Educational Welfare Service termly with home visits carried out as and when required. We will make you aware at the end of each half term if your child's attendance drops below **94%**.

Attendance Rewards

Storm, Parkview's Attendance Hamster, continues to be cared for by the class with the best weekly attendance and this is announced during Friday's whole school assembly. He is proving a hit with the children! They are so good, gentle and patient with him and he in turn, is thriving and loving the attention. Alongside this we also look at promoting a whole class rewards scheme at the end of each term. Last year we had a special visit from the ice cream van & a pizza party. We aim to give every child the opportunity to take part in the attendance rewards scheme finishing the academic year with a treat for any child achieving 97% and above. Please bear in mind that holidays, late arrivals and



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appointments will impact your child's attendance figure. Please book appointments after the school day where possible.

Leave of absence

We would like to remind you that any time off during term time will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**. All applications for leave of absence need to be made in writing to the Headteacher. An application form can be obtained from the school office. Unauthorised absences are relayed back to the Educational Welfare Service who will issue a penalty notice that is payable per parent per child.

Punctuality

We appreciate the efforts that our Parents and Carers make in order to get their children into school on time. Poor punctuality can affect learning and behaviour as the start of the day is when the teacher informs the class of what the day ahead will look like. Learning begins from the moment they enter the classroom. It is not only the pupil who is late that is affected - it has an impact on all other learners as the teacher is then required to recap on missing learning for that child. **This reduces learning time for the rest of the class.**

School is open at 8:40am with the register taken at 8:50am. Any child arriving after this time will be recorded as late. If you are arriving late we kindly ask that you bring your child to the school office so we can update the register and record their dinner choices for the day. A parent or adult will be required to sign them in for fire safety purposes.

And finally...

The advice from Professor Chris Whitty is that it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. There is still much anxiety around due to the pandemic and that is understandable but being in school can often help alleviate these underlying issues.

