

“Every Day Counts”

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like that much but...

If your child misses	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day every two weeks	18 days per year	Over 3 weeks a year	Almost 1.5 years
1 day a week	36 days per year	Over 7 weeks a year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	72 days per year	Over 14 weeks a year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	108 days per year	Over 21 weeks a year	Almost 8 years

The effect of absences on school progress

A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 180 days. That leaves 185 days to spend on family time, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

No Absences	9 days absent	11 days absent	17 days absent	18 days absent	20+ days absent
180 days of education	171 days of education	169 days of education	163 days of education	162 days of education	160 or fewer days of education
100%	95%	94%	91%	90%	89% and lower
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	

How about 10 minutes a day? Surely that won't affect my child?