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Children are required by law to attend school 198 days a year. The government states that every student should be in attendance **95%** of the time.



How do you measure up?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	10 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	20 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	30 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	40 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	50 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	60 days	12 weeks	300 lessons

84% and below
Drastic effect on
student achievement

93%- 85%
Cause for concern

100%- 94%
Great attendance



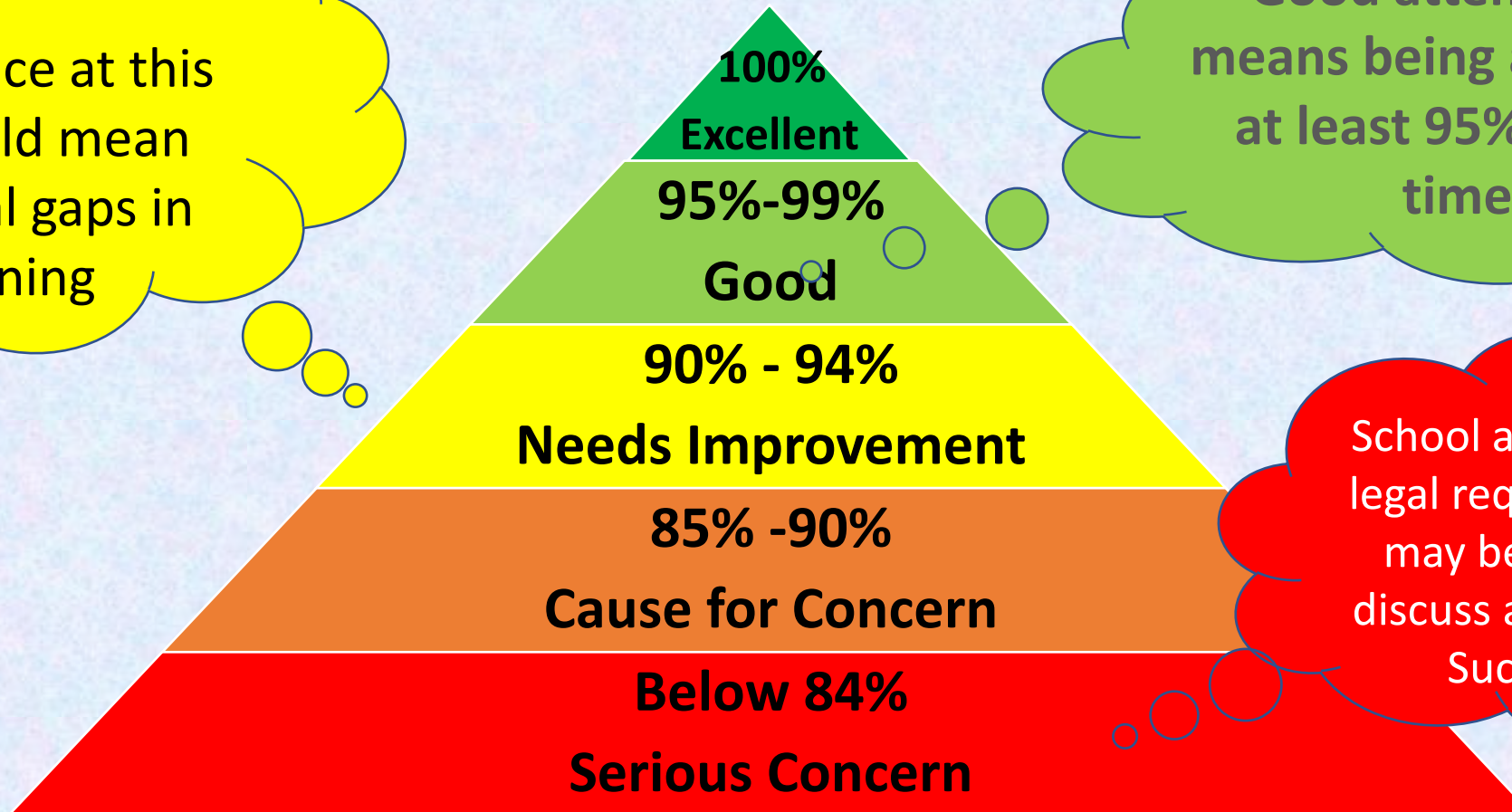
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Attend, Achieve, Succeed



Attendance at this rate could mean potential gaps in learning



Good attendance means being at school at least 95% of the time

School attendance is a legal requirement. You may be required to discuss an Attendance Success Plan

Every School Day Counts

Tips for Parents

Be organised! Get everything ready the night before. Have lunches made and clothes ready to go

Early to bed on school nights

No TV, iPad or gaming devices allowed in the morning

Don't give them a choice to stay home!

Come back to school after doctor / dentist appointments

Know how many days your child has missed in school

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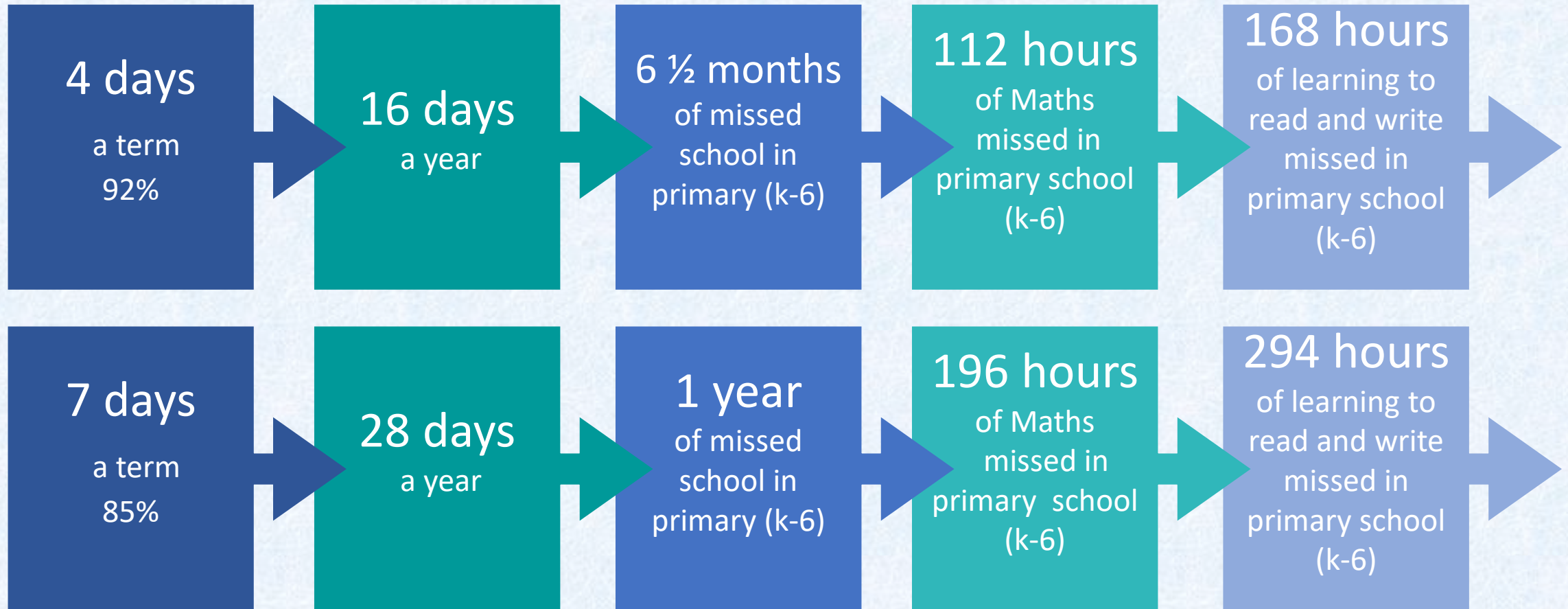
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When children are regularly absent from school, they miss out on the foundation skills needed for reading, writing and maths?

Student absences



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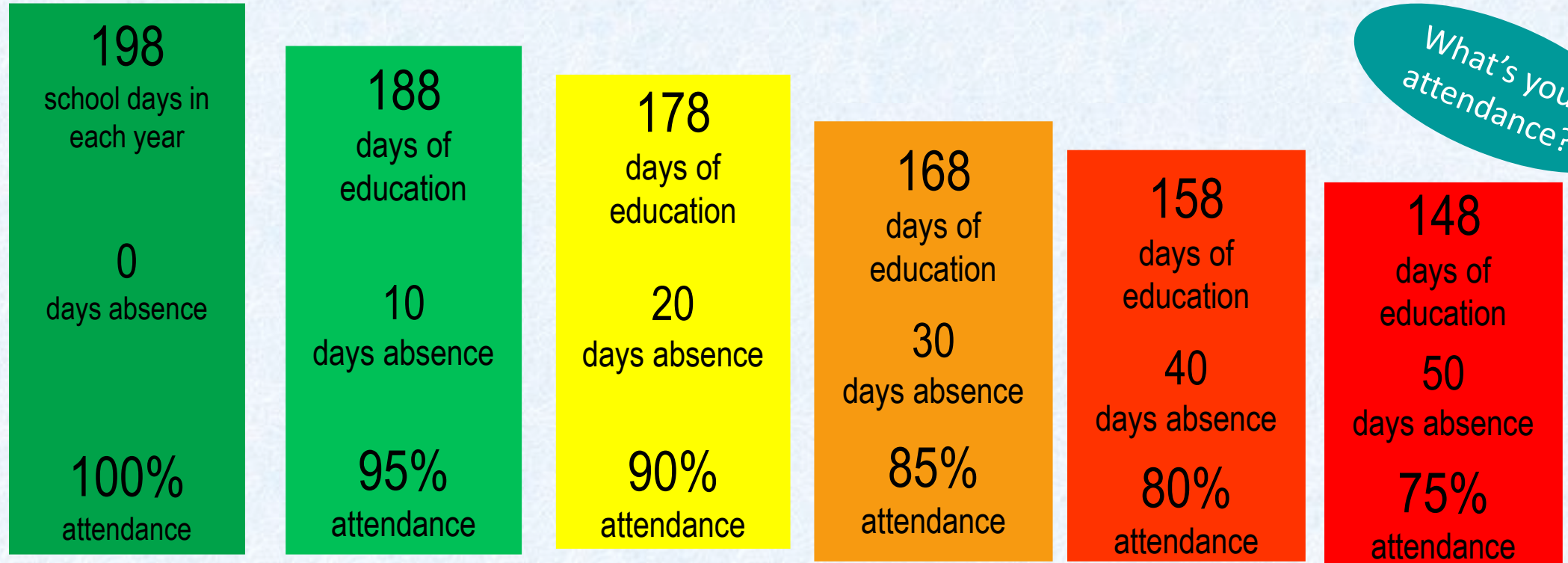
being at school at least **95%** of the time or, 188 to 198 days.
That's no more than 10 days absent in a school year.



167 non-school days a year

All this time for holidays, gaming, sleeping in, and appointments!

365 days in a calendar year



Expected attendance

Risk of underachievement

Severe risk of underachievement



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be at school.....



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all day
EVERY DAY

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There are 167 non-school days
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You can help your child get the
education they deserve by
sending them to school every
day they are not sick?

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- Days off school all add up to lost learning.
- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.
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Students benefit and make the most of their education if they attend school regularly, and on time.

How many days has your child
been away this year?



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School starts at 8:55am

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Arriving at school on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption



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Continued lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education as they miss out on explicit instruction!

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Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork.

How many days has your child missed lately?



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Tips to help improve your child's attendance

- Talk to your child about school and how important it is.
- Reward good behaviour and not bad behaviour. For example, if your child refuses to go to school, do not let them have access to their phones or the internet
- have a set time to go to bed.
- leave all technology out of their bedroom
- pack their school bag the night before with everything they need
- have a set time for breakfast
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