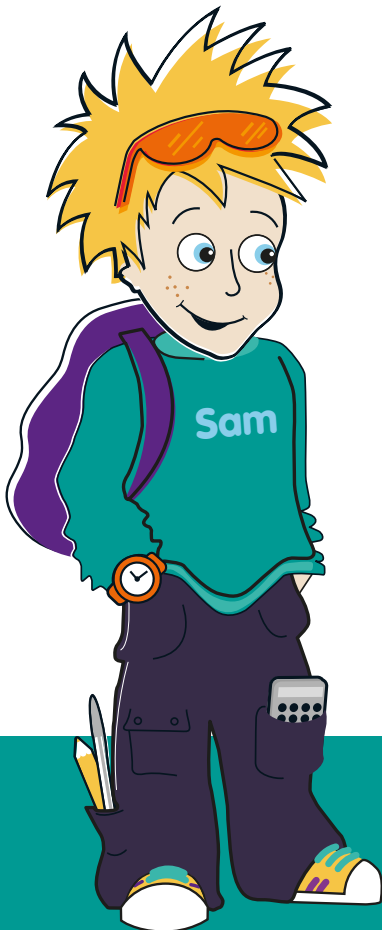


School attendance advice for you

This leaflet explains why you need to attend school and where you can get good advice and help.



A good education gives you the best start in life. If you are missing school regularly, you will fall behind with the work. You will also miss out on other aspects of school life such as friendship groups, and other life skills.

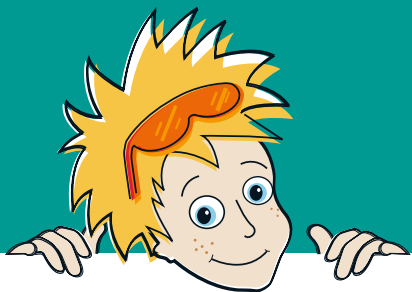
When you want to get a job, an employer will look for a good school record. Young people who have not attended their school regularly have less chance of getting a good job.

If you are playing missing school, you can easily get into trouble with the law.



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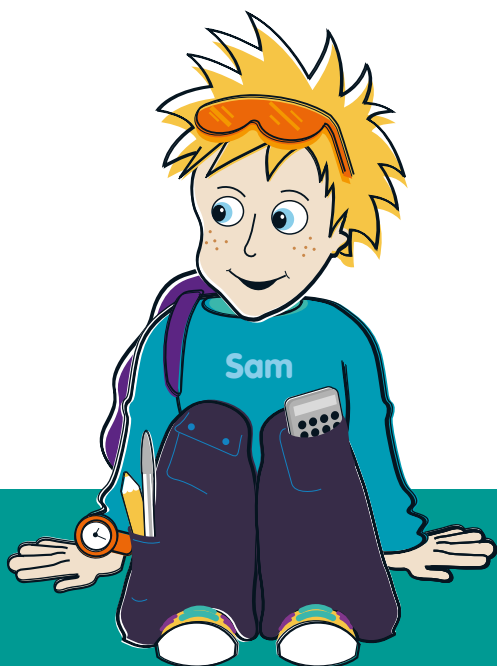


Missing School – The Facts

- Children and young people who don't attend school regularly are 12 times more likely to leave school without a GCSE.
- Children and young people who are persistently absent from school are more likely to be out of work at 18 and to be homeless.
- Persistently absent children and young people are more likely to be involved in crime.
- 78% of boys and 53% of girls who skip school once a week are likely to commit offences.
- Some of the worst attenders are the weakest readers.
- Two school days missed each month over a young person's school life equals one whole year of school missed.
- When you want to get a job, it is your school that provides a reference for you. If you have not attended school, they have a duty to be honest.
- Employers are more likely to give jobs to young people who attend school regularly.

The role of the Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

If you are not attending school regularly, an EWO will be involved. If you have problems at school or home, they will be able to offer support for you and your family, or to direct you to other people who can support you. EWO's work closely with schools and families to resolve the attendance issues, arranging school and home visits as necessary.



The Law – Education Act 1996

It is the law that all children of compulsory school age (5–16) must receive a full-time education. School leaving date is the last Friday in June in the school year in which the young person reaches their sixteenth birthday.

- Parents/carers are legally responsible for making sure you receive your education.
- Your parent/carer is responsible for ensuring that you attend school regularly and the school must be advised of the reason for any absence.
- If you do not go to school and there is no acceptable reason, the school may decide not to authorise your absence.
- In the most severe cases of poor attendance, the Local Authority may decide to take legal action against your parents/carers, or you could be the subject of an Education Supervision Order.

Remember!

Your education is important – don't miss out!