

### What does the law say?

- All children of compulsory school age must get a suitable full time education.
- As a parent you are responsible for making sure this happens and you have a vital role in ensuring and promoting regular attendance at school.
- **You are the key person who will make a difference!**
- If your child fails to attend school regularly – even if they miss school without you knowing – the school may refuse to re-register them.
- If your child misses 20 consecutive days without an authorised reason they can be reported to MEHE and may have to repeat the school year.

### The Social worker

Social workers are specialist support staff, who work in school to provide a range of services for children and parents.

#### Social Workers

- Help children overcome problems preventing them attending school.
- Arrange education if a pupil is unable to attend school for weeks or months for authorised reasons.

They can also advise parents on:

- Education and behavioural needs for their children
- School Transport Policy and Procedure
- Special Educational Needs
- Health and well being

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance please contact the Social Worker, Ms Enas on [enasbader@sgsdoha.com](mailto:enasbader@sgsdoha.com)

## Is Your Child Missing Out?



## Attendance Matters

### Is My Child's Attendance Good?

Above 98% = outstanding

Above 96% = good

94%-95% = satisfactory

Below 94% = weak

### What about holidays?

Schools have the discretion to grant approved leave for medical or compassionate reasons or for religious observance. Absences for holidays will NOT be authorised.

### Lateness

Please ensure that your child is in school on time. Students who arrive after 07:05am miss essential learning as lessons start at 07:05am. The national anthem is a compulsory part of the school day and is sung at 07.05am daily. Most primary grades have English & Math 1st lesson. Arriving at 07:10am on a daily basis may reduce your child's lessons by up to the equivalent 2 lessons per week.

### Early Pick-ups

Teaching continues until 1:30pm every day, early pick-up reduces your child's access to learning.

The table shows the amount of days your child misses if they have poor attendance

Attendance over the whole school year	Days missed from school
100%	0
98%	4
96%	8
95%	10
90%	19
85%	28
80%	38
70%	57
60%	76
50%	95
40%	114

### What happens if my child does not attend school regularly?

- A social worker will call, email or arrange a meeting with you to discuss the reason for your child not attending school.
- You may lose your child's place at school if you fail to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

### Why is it important for your child not to miss school?

- Children only get one chance at school. If they do not attend school regularly they will not be able to keep up with school work.
- Setting a good pattern of attendance from an early age will help your child later on. Children who have a poor school attendance have less chance of getting a good job.
- Research has shown that some young people who regularly miss school for no good reason may be drawn in to anti-social behaviour or crime.

