



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

- ⇒ Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life
 - ⇒ Children who frequently miss school often fall behind
- ⇒ There is a very strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results. EG only 12% of pupils with below 80% school attendance achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A*-C including English and Maths, compared to 68% for pupils with attendance greater than 95%.
- ⇒ Young people with poor attendance are **MORE LIKELY** to become involved in, or be a victim of crime and anti-social behaviour
- ⇒ All children aged between 5 and 16 are required by law to receive an education, and it is the duty of parents and carers to ensure that they are supported to do so
- ⇒ Children who have irregular attendance in primary school will likely struggle academically in later years
- ⇒ Children will not only miss out on learning opportunities but fail to establish routines – essential for further education, life and work. Keeping up with work becomes more difficult and it is harder to maintain friendships. This severely impacts all areas of development and their motivation to learn. Timeliness is also important

An attendance rate of 95% is generally considered good

This allows for children to miss ONLY 9.5 days across the school year

