



# “Every Day In School Counts”

## School Attendance

There is a national initiative from the DFE to support all schools in raising attendance with the following expectations

### What YOU must do:

Telephone school before 8:40am each day of your child’s absence

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards / letters

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

### What WE will do:

Check your child’s attendance every day

Phone home to discuss your child’s attendance with you

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned

If we cannot establish a reason for your child’s absence then we will make a welfare home visit.

## EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS FROM NURSERY TO YEAR 6.

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem that much but...			
If your child misses	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of school that’s ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	12 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

The effect of absence on progress					
<i>A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.</i>					
No Absence	10 Days Absence	12 Days Absence	19 Days Absence	29 Days Absence	38 Days Absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	