

Parental Support for School Attendance

To ensure my child's attendance remains over 97%, I will:

- Make sure my child understands why attendance is important.
- Prepare anything my child needs for school so that they can leave for school on time.
- Try to avoid any leave of absence in term time.
- Make sure my child is in bed at a reasonable time and the alarm clock is set early enough to arrive at school on time.
- Contact the school if ever my child can genuinely not attend.
- Send my child to school even with mild illnesses, but will ask for a check on progress throughout the day.
- Always try to arrange set medical and dental appointments for weekdays after school.
- Find a relative, friend or neighbour who can take my child to school if I can't make it or if he/she missed the bus.
- Support my child to find out how he/she can make up missed schoolwork, if my child has been absent.
- Never prevent my child from attending school unless there is a valid reason.
- Notify school if I feel my child is struggling with any subject, staff member or has difficulties with other learners.

If my child has previously had attendance difficulties:

- Ask for help from school if I think my child may be truanting or appears to be having difficulties that may stop him/her attending.
- Ask for help from school if I am having difficulties which mean my child is not responding to requests to help him/her attend school on time.