



## Valewood Primary School

### Child Friendly Attendance Policy

**UNCRC Article 28: Every child has a right to an education.**

**Duty Bearers must ensure that all children receive their education.**

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#### Why do children need to come to school?

- It's the law.
- To learn new things.
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends.
- Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school.
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and get better at what we do.
- Prepares you for your next steps in life.
- Being at school every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university when you get older.

#### What happens if you don't come to school?

- Children don't learn as well and will get behind with their learning.
- You might get bored at home and develop bad habits that will not help you to be the best you can be.
- You don't get to make as many friends.
- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.

#### Your Duty Bearers must do one of the following if you don't come to school

- Telephone school on the first day of absence
- Call into school office and explain
- Email school

## What is good attendance?

- At Valewood Primary we think 97%+ daily attendance is what each child should aim for.
- Children should always try to come to school unless they are REALLY ILL.
- Each term you will receive an attendance record.

<b><u>Termly Attendance Record</u></b>	
Every child has a right to an education. As a Duty Bearer it is your responsibility to ensure your child gets this right.	
>97%	Name:
90% - 97%	Year:
<90%	Your child's attendance is %



- If your attendance is below 90% a letter might be sent to your parents/carers and your attendance will be monitored closely.
- If there is no improvement a meeting will be held and an Attendance Support Plan will be put in place.
- If your attendance does not improve a referral will be made to the School Attendance Service.

## How do we celebrate good attendance?

Good attendance shows that you and your Duty Bearers respect your right to an education so to acknowledge your efforts...

- The “Attendance Cup” is presented to the class with the highest attendance at the end of each week and this class will have an extended playtime.
- Rewards for 100% attendance are celebrated each term with certificates.
- At the end of the year all children’s attendance is acknowledged with a celebratory afternoon. With the highest attenders selecting their reward first.