



Valewood Primary School

Child Friendly Attendance Policy

Every child has a right to an education.

Duty Bearers must ensure that all children receive their education.

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.

<u>Termly Attendance Record</u>	
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.

