

**Why children should
be ON TIME for
school!**

- Your child will be calm and ready to begin learning
- They will not miss registration
- They will not miss the start of a lesson
- They will not disrupt the teacher
- They will not disrupt their classmates
- School starts at 8.55am
- Attending Breakfast Club will help them to be in school on time - it is open from 8.00 to 8.50am.



**Is it really serious for
children to not be at
school?**

Yes!

Here is James.



He has 90% attendance. Sounds good
Doesn't it?

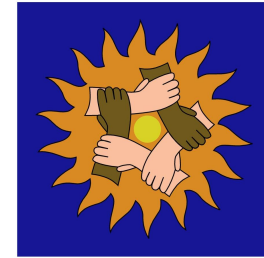
But is it.....?

90% ATTENDANCE = ½ DAY MISSED EVERY
WEEK!

90% ATTENDANCE = 4 WHOLE WEEKS OF
LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR

JAMES WILL FALL BEHIND IN HIS LEARNING.

**NOT BEING AT SCHOOL SERIOUSLY
DAMAGES A CHILD'S LEARNING!**



**“Together we can achieve more!”
at
Highfield Primary School**

**Children should
be at school!**

**ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT
INFORMATION FOR
PARENTS**



Why should your child be in school ?

- It is the **LAW**. Parents can be fined or legal action could be taken if this law is broken.
- It shows they are reliable
- They do not miss any lessons
- They increase their learning
- They will do better in exams
- They will be more likely to get a job
- They will be safe and understand the importance of commitment (just like going to work and getting a job)
- We really like your children being here! ☺



What if my child is absent from school a lot?

- They miss lessons and important information.
- They **WILL** fall behind with their learning and their results will suffer.
- They will not be able to do their best in tests and exams
- The Educational Welfare Officer may be informed.
- You could be fined, or worse, legal action could be taken.

What if my child is ill

- Being ill may prevent your child from going to school, but if **they can get out of bed and play, or watch television they should be at school!**
- **Coughs and sneezes are no excuse not to come to school**
- **Feeling tired is not an illness, they need to go to bed earlier!**



Holidays during term time are AGAINST THE LAW!

- Taking children on holiday or out of school during term time is against the law.
- We understand that holidays during term time may cost less money, but they are still against the law.
- Term time holidays are an increasingly serious issue – and the government is advising schools to take serious action where they need to, in order to make sure they **do not** happen.
- The school is **not allowed** to authorise absence during term time, unless there are exceptional reasons (this does NOT include sickness of a family member).
- Taking unauthorised holidays could result in a referral to the Local Authority Education Welfare service.

