

# ATTENDANCE matters



## Make Everyday Count!

Excellent attendance is vital for our students. Making it happen is not always easy! Here are some strategies. We hope these help you, as parents to work with us and your sons and daughters.

Low attendance becomes a lifetime habit; habits can be hard to change. Don't give in!

Holidays in term time are not sanctioned and can incur fines

Talk about the importance of routines, have sensible bed-times, especially in the days before the start of a new term

Check your child's attendance on My Child At School to know how many days have been missed.

Not attending school is extremely unusual

Always talk about the importance of school, even if your own experience was not always positive

Make every morning a routine so they know what to expect

Book medical/dental appointments during holidays or early/late in the school day; a whole day off is unnecessary

Be tough on colds and sniffles; don't offer a choice to stay at home

No devices or TV before leaving home in the morning

Always be up before them, seeing them off to school if possible

Organisation! Get everything ready before school; packed bag, PE kit, coat by the door and lunch all sorted.

