



**Help your child succeed in the early years: Build the habit of good attendance**

Did you know that attending school every day and arriving on time every day is important to your child's success and learning?

By making sure your child attends Nursery or Reception each day on time you will help them to:



Develop their knowledge of school routines and expectations meaning they will feel comfortable and secure in a new environment.



Develop social skills and friendship groups.



Develop positive relationships with staff and children.



Take part in all aspects of the Curriculum.



Not miss out on exciting new experiences.

Being absent from Nursery or Reception can:



Make it harder to develop early reading skills



Make it harder to build positive relationships with staff and other pupils



Develop a poor attendance pattern that is hard to break

The routines your child develops in Nursery and Reception continue throughout school. You can make the most of Early Years by encouraging your child to attend every day.

### **What you can do**

- ✓ Talk to your child positively about nursery or school.
- ✓ It's important to explain where they'll be going, what they'll be doing and for how long.
- ✓ Find out what day term starts and start the exciting countdown!
- ✓ Share ideas other parents to make the school run go smoothly
- ✓ Set a regular bedtime and morning routine – allowing time for things to go wrong as they sometimes do with small children.
- ✓ Lay out clothes, and lunchboxes the night before
- ✓ Develop back-up plans for getting to nursery or school if something comes up (eg you are not well)
- ✓ Make sure your child arrives at school on time
- ✓ Ensure School is notified by telephone if your child is absent, on the first day of absence and they are kept updated throughout any absence period.
- ✓ Medical or dental appointments are booked outside of school hours when possible.
- ✓ Holidays are not taken during term time.
- ✓ If your child seems anxious about going to nursery, talk to their teacher,