

### Why is good attendance important for your child?

**Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve well and get the best possible start in life.**

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges, universities and employers that these students are unreliable.

GCSEs may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their desire to attend school regularly
- affect their confidence in school
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

*(Hampshire County Council website)*

### Your responsibilities as a parent

By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a suitable full-time education. As a parent, you have a legal responsibility to make sure this happens. Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. This means your child should not have sessions of unauthorised absence.

#### Attendance

Our school is aiming to maintain a whole school attendance figure of

**97%**

#### ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR 2017-18

YR – 97.5%  
 Y1 – 95.3%  
 Y2 – 96.9%  
 Y3 – 97.9%  
 Y4 – 94.8%  
 Y5 – 98.2%  
 Y6 – 96.4%

**WHOLE SCHOOL FIGURE – 96.7%**  
 Unfortunately, we have once again slipped below our target figure.

### Y6 Responsibilities

This year we have introduced a number of elected positions for the children in Y6. We believe that our oldest children can play a significant part in creating a positive school environment by acting as role models, leading by example and representing pupil voice.

We are delighted to announce the following:

Head Girl – Keya  
 Head Boy – Manish

Red Team Captain – Olivia  
 Yellow Team Captain – Lottie  
 Green Team Captain – Kate  
 Blue Team Captain - Oliver  
 Black Team Captain - Lily  
 White Team Captain – Tom

Digital Leaders: Aled and Yahvi

### 2017-18 Team

