



## Child Friendly Attendance Policy

### What is attendance?

- Attendance means being present somewhere you are expected to be.
- In school, attendance means:
- Coming to school every day
- Arriving on time

### Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things and so you don't miss out on your education
- It's the law
- To make and connect with friends
- School helps us with our studies and future life
- It's a big part of our life and where we belong
- You will miss out on trips, clubs and celebrations

### What happens if you don't come to school?

- You will miss some of your learning and fall behind
- You will miss out on key information
- Your friends will play without you
- It may affect your future if you miss a lot of school

### What is good attendance?

- 97% or above is good attendance
- Children should always try to come to school unless they are REALLY ILL.

### What to do if you don't come to school

- Your parents must telephone school on the first day you are away and give a reason
- Your parents must update the school each day you are absent.