

## HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- ➔ Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- ➔ Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- ➔ Ensure your child arrives at school on time - not late.
- ➔ Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- ➔ Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness - this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
- ➔ If your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk - Who are they with? What are they doing?
- ➔ Do not take family holidays during term time.
- ➔ Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homeworks).
- ➔ Attend parents evenings and school events.
- ➔ Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- ➔ Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.

### Key Point

Parents of children aged 4-16 who are enrolled in school are legally required to make sure they attend.

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed