



## **Child Friendly Attendance Policy**

Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things about the world and gain lifelong skills.
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends – it develops our social skills.
- Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside school.
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and to get better at what we do.
- Being at school every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university in the future.
- It's the law.

What happens if you don't come to school?

- Children don't learn as well and fall behind with their learning.
- Your parents could get fined for not sending you to school.
- You might get bored at home and develop bad habits.
- You don't get to see or make many friends.
- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.

What is good attendance?

- At Sacred Heart we think 97%+ attendance is what every child should aim for.
- Children should always try to come to school unless they are REALLY ILL.

What to do if you don't come to school

- Your parent/carer should telephone school as soon as possible.

OR

- Your parent/carer should call into the school office and explain why you are not in.

If you are absent we will

- Telephone parents/carers by 9.30am.
- Send a text to parents/carers if nobody answers.
- Speak to parents and carers to see if you could come in and offer support with getting to school through our Attendance Lead.



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- Work with families and our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to improve attendance.

## Rewards

- Weekly awards for classes with 100% attendance.
- Weekly awards for classes with the best attendance.
- Termly awards for those children with 100% attendance.
- Whole class attendance rewards when all of the pieces have been added to your class potato head!

