



Little Reddings Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Carly Simmonds

'Learning together, Respecting each other, Success for all'

The Attendance Target for 2015/16 **is 96%**

- School attendance is compulsory for all children
- Schools must keep registers showing authorised and unauthorised absences in accordance with Government regulations
- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure children's education. Failure can lead to legal action
- Registers are checked regularly and absence queries followed up immediately

WHAT IS AN AUTHORISED ABSENCE?

- Personal illness that prevents school attendance
- Medical appointments
- Religious observance
- Bereavement of a close family member
- Approved sporting/musical activity

WHAT IS AN UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE?

- Time off for birthdays
- Shopping trips
- Days out
- Holidays during term time
- Persistent lateness after registers have closed
- Family member's illness
- Etc.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Establish a routine that allows your child to arrive at school on time every day
- Always contact school immediately when your child is absent

- Follow this up with a written explanation of the child's absence when he/she returns to school

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

HELP US TO TACKLE ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Why are good attendance and punctuality important?

- Regular attendance is vital if your child is to benefit fully from education
- Every absence means vital lessons missed
- It is easy to fall behind but difficult to make up lost time
- It is good training for the future
- It is your legal responsibility

Please contact the Mrs Wyborn if you require any further help.