



## ATTENDANCE TOP TIPS

- Take pride in helping your child to improve attendance and set targets
- Let your child know that you think attendance is important and it is not right to miss school
- Get involved and attend events in school, wherever possible
- Ask your child if they are happy at school. Are they finding learning tricky? Or struggling to make friends? Contact school if this is a concern
- Take an interest in your child's work – ask about their day and praise them for things they have done well
- Ensure your child arrives on time – arriving late can put them behind on their work before they start
- Check homework is done and get bags, kits and uniforms ready the night before
- Try to stick to a regular bedtime which allows your child to get enough sleep
- Try to give your child fruit and vegetables every day and encourage them to exercise
- If your child says they are poorly, ask yourself if a day off is really needed
- Arrange medical appointments in school holidays or for after school. If this is not possible aim for the start/end of the day and make sure your child is in school for as much time as possible
- Stay in touch with school and be willing to show evidence of reasons for time off such as prescriptions and doctor's notes
- Do not book family holidays in term time, not even if they overlap just a day or two – your child's education is more important

### **Remember.....**

**.....if you are having any difficulties with your child's attendance you do not have to struggle alone – help and support is always available in school so please ask**

*Let your words teach and your actions speak*