



- Poor school attendance and truancy can increase the risk of a child/young person being a victim or a perpetrator of crime
- A study by the Department of Education (*The link between absence and attainment at KS2 AND KS4 – March 2016*) states that as the level of overall absence across KS4 increases, the likelihood of achieving key attainment outcomes at the end of KS4 (GCSE's) decreases.

Unacceptable reasons for absence

- ✗ Shopping trips
- ✗ Birthday treats and trips out
- ✗ Looking after others at home (siblings or elderly family members)
- ✗ Non-urgent medical or dental appointments. Where possible, these should be made outside of school time or during the school holidays
- ✗ Leave of absence during term time for a holiday, unless agreed in *exceptional* circumstances with the headteacher

Punctuality

- Arriving late can be embarrassing for a child/young person and disruptive to the rest of the class, especially if lessons have started
- Your child/young person may miss important information which is often given at the start of the day/lesson
- Attending school every day and on time develops good habits for the child/young person's future in the workplace

Parents and carers role

- Know the name and contact details of your child/young person's school, class teacher/head of year and the designated teacher for Children Looked After (CLA).
- Make sure you know what time the school days begins
- Encourage and support your child/young person to get everything ready for school the night before and allow enough time to travel to and arrive at school on time



What to do if your child has a problem in school

- Always contact the designated teacher for CLA at school to discuss any concerns
- If these continue and are not being resolved, notify the child/young person's social worker

**Every Day.... Every Half Day....
Every Lesson Counts!**