



Children's Rights - Article 28

Every child has the  
right to an education.



## Child Friendly Attendance Policy

Every day counts!

Every minute counts!

### Why do we need to come to school?

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

### What happens if you don't come to school?

- You may get behind with your learning.
- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.

### What is good attendance?

- Downsell thinks 96% and above is what each person should aim for.
- Punctuality also counts towards good attendance. Being on time for school so we do not miss learning opportunities.
- You should always try to come to school unless you are REALLY ILL

### What do I need to know to help me achieve the target of 96% or above?

Attendance percentage	Missed days of learning	Traffic light colour
100%	You would have had no days off school for the year!	Green
99%	You would have had 2 days off school for the whole year.	
97%	You would have had 5 days off school for the whole year.	
95%	You would have had 10 days off school for the whole year.	Yellow
90%	You would have had 20 days off school for the whole year.	Red
85%	You would have had 30 days off school for the whole year.	

### Rewards

- Celebrate class achievement – weekly celebration of classes with attendance 96% and above and termly class reward menu for the winning class to choose from
- Half termly attendance statements sent out to parents
- Termly attendance prize draw for those 96% and above and those who have the most improved attendance
- End of year trip for those children with 100% all academic year