

What can you do as a parent to increase your child's attendance?

- Find out **regularly** your child's **attendance**.
(Check this, matches with your **own record**.)
- **Talk** regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it.
(They are more likely to attend if they feel supported and their anxieties are **listened** to.)
- **Phone** as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return. Having the school number in your phone can save you time.
- **Always** provide a note for any absence.
- Only grant days at home for **genuine** illness. (You will know!!)
- **Avoid** taking holidays in school time. Especially between September and the end of May.
- Try to make medical appointments outside of the school day. If this is not possible make sure that your child returns to school immediately after the appointment.
- Know **routines** of the school day to avoid issues, e.g have they got their P.E kit?
- **Praise and reward good attendance:** even small successes like attending all week.