

## **Guide of Hints and Tips to improve attendance**

Good attendance is the secret to your child's success. If you follow these hints and tips they will help you to improve their attendance.

<b><u>Appointments</u></b>	Try to arrange appointments after school where possible.
<b><u>Lateness</u></b>	Being late disrupts teaching plans and worries your child's friends. As little as 15 minutes every day is equal to two weeks of lost learning per year!
<b><u>Term Time Holidays</u></b>	Children are out of school 175 days of the year so there are plenty days to take holidays. Holidays taken during term time can cause your child to fall behind with work and can lead to a fine for parents/carers.
<b><u>Early Bedtimes</u></b>	Early bedtimes make for early mornings and a better start for the school day.
<b><u>Friendships</u></b>	Friendships at school can stay with your child for the rest of their life. Days off school can make it harder for your child to fit back into friendship groups.
<b><u>Opportunities</u></b>	It's not all maths, English and science. School is about learning how to be good citizens and treating others with respect. Children can also be part of many trips, clubs and groups.
<b><u>SATs</u></b>	These are very important test your child will take in Years 2 and 6. Absence leading up to or during this time puts your child at a significant disadvantage.

If your child is going to be absent please contact the school office on 0161 480 4531 with the reason for the absence.

At Abingdon Primary we celebrate attendance achievements and encourage good patterns of attendance from an early age. School days can be the best time of your child's life. Don't let them miss out!