

Child Friendly Attendance Policy

Downsell PRIMARY SCHOOL Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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	Missed days of learning	Traffic light colour
percentage		
100%	You would have had no days off school for the year!	
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.	
90%	You would have had 20 days off school for the whole year.	
85%	You would have had 30 days off school for the whole year.	

Rewards

- Weekly celebration assemblies will celebrate class / classes with attendance at or above our target.
- Half-termly celebration in assembly for class / classes, pupils with attendance of 96% and above and for those who have improved attendance.
- Termly class rewards, based on class tracker. Reward chosen from reward menu.
- Termly certificates for those 96% and above and those who have the most improved attendance. Gold pins for children with 100% attendance.
- End of year prize draw for those children with 100% all academic year, selected children with attendance of 96 99% attendance and a selected child with most improved attendance.
- End of year park trip for the class with the best attendance for the year.

Termly class reward menu

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Movie and popcorn afternoon	Sports activity outside	Additional afternoon golden time in class