



An Attendance Guide for Parents and Carers of Richmond Park Primary School Children

**RESEARCH TELLS US THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE
A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN SUPPORTING THEIR CHILD'S
ATTENDANCE AND EDUCATION.**

**BY CREATING A HOME ENVIRONMENT THAT VALUES EDUCATION, YOU CAN GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD
START.**

LITTLE THINGS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION:

- Talk to your child about the importance of attending school.
- Only allow your child to stay at home for genuine illness.
- Ask your child about school, how their day went and how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend if they feel supported and their anxieties are listened to.
- Express an interest in any work which your child brings home and praise their efforts.
- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Wake your child in sufficient time to get ready for school.
- Attend parents' evenings.
- Talk to the teachers if you have concerns about your child's attendance and progress.
- Keep a regular check on your child's attendance record and praise good attendance.
- Keep school informed if your child misses school.

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

For further information about school attendance, please read the 'attendance' page on our school website under the 'information' section, as well as read our attendance policy under the 'policies' section. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr Cooper

(Acting Headteacher)