



## Reddish Hall School

Attendance Research shows that good school attendance impacts upon children's success in learning; good attendance helps them to fulfil their potential and gives them a chance of a better future.

Every day that your child is absent from school is an opportunity missed. Schools and parents/carers have a shared responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly.

If your child is absent from school you need to contact the school by 10am on 0161 442 1197 or email [admin@reddishhallschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@reddishhallschool.co.uk)

You need to:

Give reason for the absence and say when your child is expected to return.

If we do not hear from you by 10am we will make contact with yourself to ensure all is ok and if we are unable to make contact we will call the emergency contacts that you provided.

Please be aware that both authorised and unauthorised absences are included in your child's attendance percentage.

Having 90% attendance means that your child is absent from school on average half a day every week.

80% or lower attendance means that your child is missing on average at least one day of school every week.

Below 97% attendance is equal to a full half term of missed education in secondary school.

### **How can I help my child get the best out of school?**

- Be aware of the impact of regular absences – missing school means missing out.
- Don't let your child stay away from school for reasons like going shopping, birthdays or simply saying they don't feel well.
- Avoid taking family holidays in term time.
- Try to make non-urgent medical and dental appointments out of school time.
- Be involved with your child's education and school – ask questions.
- Build up good habits of punctuality and attendance.
- Only keep your child at home in accordance with Health Protection Agency

### **Why is good attendance important?**

- The law states that all children and young people aged from 5 to 16 must receive a suitable full time education.
- With high attendance your child gets the chance to make friends and learns to get on with others. Communication skills are vital for your child's development.
- Research shows that children and young people with less than 90% attendance, do dramatically less well in public examinations.
- Employers will want to be sure that the people they recruit are reliable. Children and young people who have a poor school attendance record have less chance of getting a job.
- Children and young people who stay away from school for no good reason are at risk of becoming victims of crime or abuse. They may also be drawn into anti-social behaviour.