

Child Friendly Attendance Policy

Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things
- It's the law
- 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.
- Being at school every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university when you get older.

What happens if you don't come to school?

- Children don't learn as well and will get behind with their learning
- You might get bored at home and develop bad habits and become lazy
- You don't get to make as many friends
- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events. What is good attendance?
- At Bishop Martin CE Primary School we think 98%+ daily attendance is what each class should aim for.
- Children should always try to come to school unless they are **REALLY ILL**.
- If your attendance is below 95% letters will be sent to your parents and your attendance will be monitored closely. If there is no improvement a meeting will be held and an attendance agreement will be put in place.

What should your parents do if you don't come to school

- Telephone school on the first day of absence
- Call into school office and explain
- Email school via the website

Rewards

- Rewards at the end of term including badges and certificates
- Weekly reward for the class with best attendance – popcorn Friday
- Attendance Potato Head reward, first class to win 6 pieces wins a reward trip or afternoon
- Individual rewards can also be given for improved attendance
- For punctuality we have 'In Time' week to reward good punctuality