## Ways For Parents To Encourage Attendance:

Praise & reward good attendance

Talk regularly with your child about school & how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend if they feel supported.

Only grant days at home for genuine illness

Don't' take holidays during school time

If you have any concerns ring school

We hope you will support us in our drive to continue to improve attendance at Tankersley St Peters Primary School and thank you in advance for your support.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Increase Your Child's Attendance And Increase Their Chance Of Success

Tankersley St Peters Primary School

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Every school agrees that good attendance and punctuality is very, very important in order for your child to do well and make progress in school.

If your child was to miss one day a week this would amount to one and a half years absence from school between the age of 3 and 11. You can imagine the effects this would have on a child's progress in school and on their future prospects.

Most of you, we know, value school and make sure your child attends regularly, however, there are a small number of pupils whose attendance gives us cause for concern. In these cases, regular non-attendance will have a negative impact on each child's education.

We are not asking that any child attends school when they are genuinely ill, but absence does need to be kept to a minimum.

Thank you

Mrs V Harrison
Headteacher
Tankersley St Peters Primary School

## HOLIDAYS

**Under National guidelines we are no longer able to authorise holiday/leave during term time due to the negative impact on children's learning.**

### Attendance Statistics

- 52 weeks in a calendar year—38 weeks in a school year
- No time off = 100% attendance , 10 days off = 94.7%
- If your child misses one week of school they will miss over 20 hours of their education.
- If your child has two weeks holiday during term time and one week illness during the school year their attendance will be 92.1% If this pattern is repeated throughout their school life, they would miss 33 weeks of their education, almost a year!
- Research shows that children who are absent from school may never catch up on work they have missed. This does affect the progress they make at school and ultimately their exam results
- Every school day counts if your child is to maximise their potential.