

Augher Central Primary School: Attendance Guideline

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ARRIVE ON TIME



School begins at 9am. It is important that your child arrives at school on time. When pupils arrive late it makes things difficult for everyone. The teacher has to stop and wait for the latecomer to settle down and the rest of the class is disrupted.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT



Regular attendance at school is the responsibility of parents. If your child cannot go to school for any reason please contact the school to let them know, preferably by telephone. **A note explaining any absence should also be given to the class teacher when a pupil returns to school, please don't wait for the secretary to chase up.** If your child has frequent periods of absence the school will phone or write to you about this matter and we also **MUST** refer you to the Education Welfare Officer.



Your child should only be absent from school if medically unfit to attend or due to a family bereavement. It is not acceptable for children to be absent because it is their birthday or they feel they need a day off.



HOLIDAYS

As a parent/carers you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time.

Reasons why you should not take your child on holiday during term time:

- It is important that children attend school regularly if they are to benefit from the learning opportunities provided.
- Children who are absent from school due to holiday in term time will miss out on important learning.
- Educational experiences in school missed as a result of a family holiday cannot be recaptured later.
- If your child does not attend school regularly he/she will not be able to keep up with the work. This will have a serious impact on opportunities later in life.

All members of the school community of Augher CP School, are fully committed to the principle that good attendance is an important part of school life. It is further acknowledged that it is the duty of the school to promote an environment in which attendance is nurtured and in which positive steps are taken to promote the emotional and physical well-being of every pupil in its care. We award annual trophies for full attendance and certificates during the year to encourage and promote attendance.

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