

## Get up, Get in, Get on!



### Important Information for parents about attendance and punctuality

#### Why it's important to be ON TIME for school.....

- Children will be calm and ready to learn
- When children are late and rushing they get off to a bad start
- Children don't like missing the start of a lesson or walking into the classroom when everyone else is busy
- Children don't know what to do if they miss the start of a lesson
- Being on time and ready to work are important life skills that we want to give our children for their working lives
- When children arrive late it disrupts the teacher and the children who have already started working

#### Why it's important to be in school EVERY DAY.....

- It's the law – you could be fined if your child's attendance is below 80%
- Children will learn more and make better progress in their learning
- Children will make and keep friends
- They will do better in tests
- They will have a better chance of getting a job
- Children will learn about commitment (just like having to go to work every day in a job)

#### Is it really serious for children not to be at school? YES!!



Please try to make hospital and dental appointments after school hours or in the holidays

This is Lee. He has 90% attendance which sounds alright doesn't it?

BUT is it really?

90% attendance means  $\frac{1}{2}$  day missed every week.

90% attendance means **4 whole weeks** of lessons missed each year.

This means Lee **will** fall behind in his learning. Not being at school seriously damages your child's life chances and is not fair on them.

#### When is it ok for your child to be off school?

- If your child has been sick or has an infectious illness like chicken pox or impetigo
- If they have had an operation or an accident

#### It is not ok to keep your child off school.....

- If it is their birthday
- If they have coughs or sneezes
- If they are tired
- If their brothers or sisters are ill
- If you are ill
- To go shopping
- To go to the hairdressers