

# ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

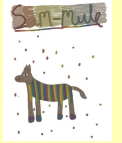
GOOD ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY ARE CONSIDERED A HIGH PRIORITY AT NEWMILNS PRIMARY.

THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ALSO PROMOTES GOOD ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL THROUGH THEIR INCLUDED, ENGAGED AND INVOLVED DOCUMENT.

CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION, ATTENDING SCHOOL IS ONE WAY DUTY BEARERS (ADULTS AT HOME) CAN ENSURE THAT RIGHT IS UPHELD.



## SHARED EXPECTATIONS



WE EXPECT CHILDREN TO BE PRESENT IN SCHOOL EACH DAY. IF FOR ANY REASON CHILDREN ARE ABSENT, PARENTS/CARERS MUST CONTACT THE OFFICE AND GIVE A REASON FOR THE ABSENCE.

SOMETIMES ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL BECAUSE OF ILLNESS IS UNAVOIDABLE AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT.

## PUNCTUALITY

**School begins at 9am**, it is the expectation that children arrive on time for school and remain until 3pm

Being late on occasion is understood, however pupils arriving late for class, even by just a few minutes can be disruptive to themselves and others and can lead to missed learning. The same is true when children leave early.

POOR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL HAS BEEN LINKED TO LOWER LEVELS OF ATTAINMENT; PEER RELATIONSHIPS; EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DIFFICULTIES AND POORER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES LATER IN LIFE.

LOW LEVELS OF ATTENDANCE CAN ALSO BE LINKED TO HOW CONNECTED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL TO THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

(INCLUDED, ENGAGED AND INVOLVED PART 1: PROMOTING AND MANAGING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 2019)

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR CHILDREN TO HAVE AN ATTENDANCE FIGURE OF ABOVE 90%.**

190 days in school	10 days absent	19 days absent (almost 4 weeks missed)	29 days absent (about half a term missed)	38 days absent (8 weeks missed)	47 days absent (Almost 10 weeks missed – over a quarter of the school year)
	180 days in school	171 days in school	161 days in school	152 days in school	143 days in school
100% attendance	95% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance

