



**CHURCHWOOD**  
PRIMARY  
ACADEMY

# Welcome to Churchwood Primary Academy

*At Churchwood Everyone Can  
~Parents as Partners~*



# Does regular attendance really matter?

## YES!

- Children are much more likely to achieve their full learning potential when they regularly attend school
- Children feel confident and part of the class with regular attendance
  - They are less likely to have friendship worries
- Much of the work children miss when they are off school is never made up, leaving them at a considerable disadvantage to their peers.

# What are the causes of poor attendance?

- ✓ Illness
- ✓ Medical appointments
  - ✓ Holidays
  - ✓ Poor routines
  - ✓ Lack of sleep
- ✓ Unhappy at school
  - ✓ Unrest at home

# How can school help?

- **ILLNESS:** With illness we ask that parents bring children in if they are 'a bit under the weather'. Often children perk up at school and enjoy their day.
- **MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:** Request that parents make medical appointment outside of school hours. I.e. in the holidays or after school has finished for the day
- **HOLIDAYS:** Do not authorise holidays
- **POOR ROUTINES:** Talk with parents and advise them of good routines. We have a Parent Support Adviser at school who can offer help and support
- **LACK OF SLEEP:** Talk with the Parent Support Adviser
- **UNHAPPY AT SCHOOL:** Liaise with teacher, Principal, Parent Support Adviser

# HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- ✓ TALK TO THE SCHOOL
- ✓ ALWAYS REMAIN POSITIVE ABOUT SCHOOL
- ✓ BE A GREAT ROLE MODEL
  - ✓ ENCOURAGE

# Does good punctuality matter?

## YES!



- Children arriving even 5 minutes late are at a disadvantage because the teacher has already started listing the day's goals and objectives
- The most crucial learning hours of a school day are the morning hours because this is when children are most attentive
- Children arriving to school with time to spare are able to settle into class without being rushed and start the day in a happy calm manner
- Children get used to the routine of coming into school with their peers and starting the day together
- Children hate arriving late

# How can the school help?

- Either myself or the Parent Support Advisor, Sarah Gilbert have visual aids to help children with their morning routine
- We can also make tick/sticker charts to encourage children to arrive at school on time.

Just ask!

# Churchwood's 'ROLLING START'

In September 2015 the new 'Rolling Start' was introduced.  
Pupils can go straight into their classrooms at 8.50 and start work.  
Tables are set out and the children know what and where to go  
The register is then called and shut at 8.55.

In Reception class the children are given a coloured table at the start of the year. This will remain their table during Busy Bee time. Children learn very quickly where they are meant to be and what activity they have planned.