

**Finally.**

After a few weeks of good attendance your child's record will start to improve. It would be nice to try to finish the year with a final score of 90% or above. If you would like further copies of your child's attendance record do not hesitate to contact the school.



# Attendance and Punctuality

## Why it is so important to get into the 90% and above area.

Children can not help being ill and from time to time it will be necessary to take time off school.

Local firms and industries know that not all young people can achieve 100% attendance each year.

It is generally accepted that attendance above 90% is considered as good.

When your child leaves Highfield High School, at the end of Year 11, it is very important that their National Record of Achievement records an attendance level of 90% or above. Figures below 90% will put off employers and will cause your child to find difficulties when seeking employment.

## Facts about Attendance

Achieving good school attendance is the responsibility of parents – it is an important way that they can help their youngsters succeed both in school and later in life.

Every year at Highfield High we hear about youngsters who fail to get the job they want because of a poor attendance record.

Attendance is usually the first enquiry made by employers when they ask for written or telephone references.

Children with poor attendance levels can quickly fall behind with their work and they can become unsuccessful in subjects they used to enjoy.

Children can loose friends and become isolated, not part of the group, if their attendance is poor.

It is very likely that Highfield High School will be asked to pass on information about your child's attendance record when he/she applies for their first real job.

We may be asked to supply a reference many years after your child leaves Highfield High School.

A Good attendance record will really boost your child's chances of getting the job they want. Employers are really impressed by good attendance.

## Check List

### Do you:

- try to make dental and medical appointments out of school hours?
- only keep your child off school if it is absolutely necessary?
- Try to avoid family holidays during term time?

**If you have to keep your child off school please inform his/her House Tutor by ringing 310925**