



Attendance at The Dearne ALC

Information for parents/carers

- **The school expects children to have an attendance figure of at least 96%**
- If a child is not well enough to attend school, parents/carers MUST contact the school EACH DAY of their absence
- Medical evidence is required after a child's THIRD DAY of absence
- If your child has a medical appointment, an appointment card or letter must be given to school to authorise the absence
- IF A CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL DUE TO A TERM TIME HOLIDAY THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO ON ANY TRIP/RESIDENTIAL OR TAKE PART IN ANY REWARD FOR A CALENDAR YEAR
- If a child's absence falls below 96% they may not be allowed to take part in any educational visits or trips that take place during the school day
- If your child has vomited it DOES NOT mean that they should have two days off school. Indeed, we would encourage them to come to school despite vomiting
- Medical evidence is required for any absences if your child's attendance drops below 90%
- We will request you to attend meetings at school to discuss your child's attendance if it falls below 90%. There is an EXPECTATION that parents will attend
- We will issue Fixed Penalty Notices and make referrals to the Education Welfare Service should your child's attendance drop below 90%