

Hilltop Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We at Hilltop Infants School are committed to promoting the need for children to attend school for the full 190 days a year to gain maximum benefit and learning opportunities.

For example, if a child's attendance is only 90%, they will have missed:

- 40 phonics lessons
- 20 maths lessons
- 20 English lessons
- Dozens of opportunities to read in class
- Endless occasions to count and develop their mathematical understanding
- Many opportunities to develop their resilience
- 20 days of learning how to be friends, make friends, fall out with friends, and make up again
- 20 occasions to eat dinner with friends and chat together
- Chances to celebrate success in class, in assembly, in Mrs Mackenzie's office and at the end of the day
- Opportunities to develop creative skills alongside their friends
- Developing team work in the outdoors, during PE lessons and in problem solving activities.

As an incentive to encourage families and pupils to work with us to gain 100% attendance we will be launching a new initiative for children to earn certificates for each half term of complete attendance, a prize for each term of full attendance and entry into a prize draw for a family cinema ticket at the end of the year, if a child manages a full year of 100% attendance.

Understandably children do become sick from time to time and if you would like any guidance about whether your child should attend school or not please feel free to contact the office for that advice.

I look forward to presenting to your children their awards for their perfect attendance records and thank you for your support with this very important message for our children, resilience is a key message.

Samantha O'Connor

Hilltop Infant School Attendance Governor

