



**Your child needs to go to
primary school each day**



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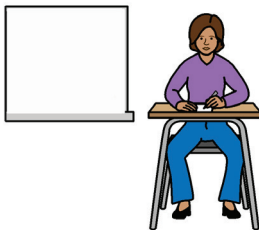
All primary school children should go to school. This means **all** children in Prep to Grade 6.



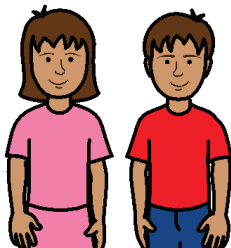
Your child will learn good habits.

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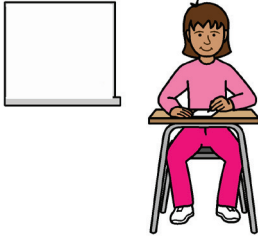
- wake up early
- eat breakfast
- go to school on time.



Good habits will also help your child at high school.



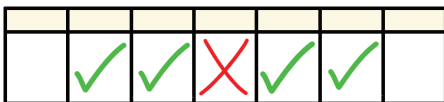
Your child will make friends. It is good for your child to see their friends each day.



Your child will

- keep up with school work
- do well in tests.

Each school day matters. Having just 1 day off makes it hard for your child to catch up.



The main reasons for a day off



Your child is sick.

This can happen sometimes.

Help your child to stay well.

Your child needs to

- go to sleep early
- eat healthy food. For example, fruit and vegetables
- drink water
- exercise. For example, swim or walk.



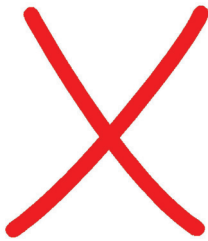
Your child may lie to you.

You think your child is at school. They may go

- down the street
- to a friends house.

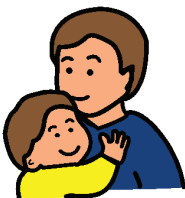
This is called wagging or **truancy**.

The school can help you. Talk to the teacher about truancy.



Bad reasons to have a day off school.

None of these are good reasons for a day off.



- Fun activities. For example,
 - shopping
 - going to see your family
- A special event. For example, a birthday
- Helping friends and family. For example,
 - looking after brothers and sisters
 - translating English for your family.

Translating means turn words into a different language.

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The school can help you

Talk to the teacher. They can give you homework for your child. Homework helps your child keep up with school work.

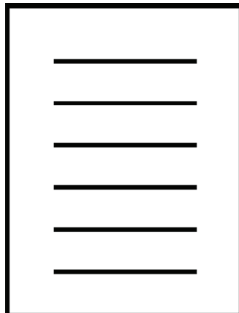
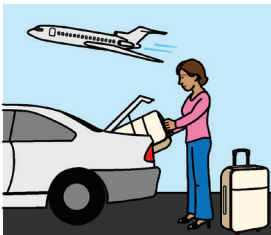


Your child might be away from school for a long time. For example,

- your child is sick

or

- your family go on a long holiday.



You can do a plan with teachers.

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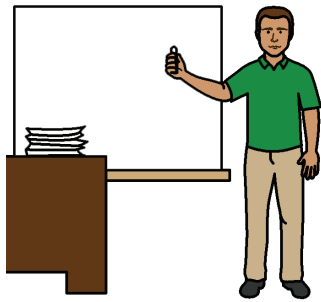
- what your child needs to learn
- the work your child will do
- how you will help your child.

This plan is called an an

absence learning plan



If your child will **not** go to school, ask the teacher for help. The school will work with you. The school will help you get your child back to school.

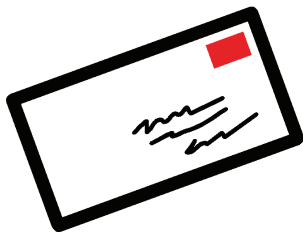


Schools and teachers want the best for your child

Having days off can be a big problem.

The school may say

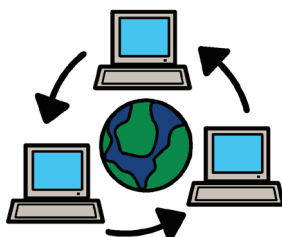
- your child has too many days off school
- you do **not** try hard enough to get your child to school
- you do not work with the school to fix the problem.



The government can send you a fine.
Do **not** let days off become a problem.



More information



Website

www.education.vic.gov.au/schools/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Click on School - For Parents - Behaviour and Attendance - Everyday counts



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