

# attendance at ~~MATTERS~~



FURNESS  
ACADEMY



**Furness Academy - Make every school day count - Don't Miss Out**

## TO SEND OR NOT TO SEND?

Often a child will wake up in the morning saying that they feel unwell. We do encourage children to come to school even if they 'feel a little unwell' always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather' for example with a runny nose, headache, tummy ache. HOWEVER, please do not send your child to school if they are very unwell. If your child has a temperature, fever, aching, and is unable to get out of bed then they are probably too unwell to attend school. **The school will always contact you if your child is unwell which is why it is vitally important that we have your correct contact details.** We would appreciate any medical confirmation you can provide, doctor/dentist appointment cards, copy of prescription, copy of labels on prescribed medication, this will ensure your child's absence is authorised.



### 18 OR MORE DAYS

- Authorised or Unauthorised absences mean lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. **Absences can add up before you even know it. Keep a check on attendance.**



### 10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent 15 days each year miss a whole year's worth of education before they sit their exams in year 11.
- When students miss a day of school it puts them two days behind their classmates.



### 9 DAYS or LESS

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children make the most of their education if they attend regularly and on time.

Thank you for your continued support – **Paula Gunson**, Academy Welfare Officer  
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