



## **Guide to Our Attendance Policy**

### **Good Attendance Means...**

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 183-190 days.

There are 365 days in a calendar year, which leaves 175 non-school days a year!

All these days are for shopping, holidays and appointments.

19 days absence will mean that your child will be classed as persistently absent, and will therefore not be in receipt of the education that they rightfully deserve.

Please speak to Mrs. Graham if you are concerned about your child's attendance, so that we can work together to make improvements.

We are all working towards the best possible outcomes for each and every child in Northcote Primary School.

Our aim is to make sure attendance and punctuality at school is excellent. We believe that a good education will help our children for the rest of their lives. Their journey to success starts with a partnership and together we can make sure that all of our pupils get the best out of every single day. Any time off school can affect a child's progress. Time off should only be for a genuine illness. All children need to be in school all day every day.

### **We cannot teach our children if they are not in school!**

**COVID Notice** The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible. Inform school that you are doing this.
2. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.