

St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School Child-friendly Attendance Policy

Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things.
- Being in school, every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university when you get older.
- It is the Law.
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends.
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and get better at what we do.
- Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school.

What happens if you do not come to school?

- You will not learn everything you need to know and potentially will fall behind with your learning.
- Your parents/carers could get into trouble for not sending you to school.
- You might get bored at home, develop bad habits and become lazy.
- You do not get to see your friends in class.
- You miss special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.



What to do if you do not come to school

- Your parent/carer will need to telephone school to let us know why you are absent.
- Your parent/carer will need to bring in a note when you return explaining why you were absent.
- Your parent/carer could call into school to let us know why you are absent from school.
- Your parent/carer may bring a doctor's letter or appointment card in to school.

Rewards

- You may receive an award for your attendance; this may be as a class or an individual reward.

Every school day counts at St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School.