

THE MILL PRIMARY ACADEMY



A-Z GUIDE OF HINTS AND TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

THE MILL PRIMARY ACADEMY



- A APPOINTMENTS** – Nearly all surgeries are open late and at weekends—make appointments after school
- B BEING BULLIED?** – Don't keep your child

off school. There are many people that can help.

C CASUAL ABSENCE – Don't keep your child off school when they don't need to be. For example, to go shopping for birthday treats, or pretend sickness.

D DOING WELL - Attainment is linked to attendance—be in school to achieve!

E ENCOURAGE – Encourage your child to take part in out of school hours activities such as breakfast clubs. It allows them to experience new activities and meet new friends.

F FRIENDSHIPS – Friendships at school can stay with your child for the rest of their life. Days off school make it harder for your child to fit back into friendship groups.

G GOOD ATTENDANCE – The secret to your child's success. Good attendance is anything above 96%.

H HAPPY TIMES – Schooldays can be the best time of your child's life. Don't let them miss out.

I INSET DAYS – Your child is not at school these days so please find out when they are. Be aware that different schools have different INSET days so don't assume these will be the same for children at different schools.

J JUMP FOR JOY! – Celebrate your child's attendance achievements when they are rewarded at school.

K KEEP FIT – A healthy lifestyle means a healthy mind. A nutritious breakfast will give your child the energy they need for the rest of the day. Drinking plenty of water helps *concentration too!*

L LATENESS – Being late disrupts teaching plans and worries your child and their friends. But if you are genuinely late please don't keep your child off for the rest of the day. Being late and in school is better than being absent and missing out!

M MISSED MINUTES – As little as 15 minutes late every day is equal to two weeks of lost learning per year!

- N NEW TO SCHOOL** – It is important to get children into good patterns of attendance from an early age so these can be carried through into later life.
- O OPPORTUNITIES** – School is about learning how to be good citizens and treating others with respect. Children can also be part of many trips, clubs, groups and teams.
- P PRAISE** – Always look for the 'positives' in testing situations rather than the 'negatives'. Involve your child in being ready for school on time. Have a system at home to reward and praise good behaviour.
- Q QUESTION** – Ask your child about their day at school.
- R RING IN!** – Ring school as soon as you know your child is going to be absent or late. It stops teachers and friends worrying. Tel: 01293 571893.
- S SCHOOL** - School Matters. Share our love for school with your child.
- T TERM TIME HOLIDAYS** – Children are out of school 175 days of the year so there are plenty days to take holidays. Holidays taken during term time can cause your child to fall behind with work.
- U UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE** – Schools can choose not to authorise an absence if they consider there is no good cause.
- V VOICE** - Your voice is important. Please speak to us if you have any suggestions or concerns.
- W WEBSITE** – Check out our website for useful information and the latest news.
- X XXX** – Show your child love and encouragement by asking them about their school day.
- Y YOU** – You are responsible for ensuring your child attends school regularly. Your child will thank you one day for encouraging them to attend and achieve good results.
- Z ZZZZ** – Early bedtimes make for early mornings and a better start to the school day.

