



# Why is Attending School important?

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The Education Review Office looked at research from Aotearoa New Zealand and overseas, to find out about the difference that attendance makes for children.

Even missing just two days a term is linked to not doing as well. They found lots of evidence that regular attendance has a big impact: the more often children attend school, the better they do at school, the happier they are, and the better they are set up for life.

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Attending school every day sets up good habits for going to school right from day one.

Learning to read, write and do maths takes a lot of practice and is easier to master if your child goes to school regularly.

Each day is a chance to learn something new.

<https://ero.govt.nz/our-research/attendance-getting-back-to-school-a-guide-for-parents-and-whanau>

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School offers your child regular, dedicated help to master the many skills they need.

It teaches your child life skills like commitment, being reliable, having a good work ethic and sticking with things when they get hard.

If your child is sick, then please keep them home but you must inform us of their absence by 9:00 am. There are many ways to do this such as:



- Phone 868 6504 (leave a message if there is no answer)
- Mobile text or phone 021 026 34461
- Skool Loop App
- Edge Caregiver Portal

If you don't inform us of your child's absence, then they are marked Truant. They will be marked Truant every day they are away when we don't hear from you.

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Is there a reason why your child doesn't want to attend school? Arrange a time to come and talk to us so we can help you.

We want your child to succeed and be happy. We need parents and caregivers to be positive about school, set good habits about going to school, and prepare your child the night before school.

Have a good morning routine that gets them to school on time, relaxed and with everything they need.

