

WHEN IS IT  
OK TO MISS  
SCHOOL?



Allendale  
Primary School  
AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

It is important for  
children to attend

school

all day, every day.

## When is it OK to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that prevents your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone
- an unavoidable medical appointment
- when a close family member is sick or unwell and is needing medical treatment outside of Geraldton

The Principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

## It's NOT OK to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday
- is visiting family and friends
- has slept in or had a big weekend
- is looking after other children
- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- has appointments such as haircuts and minor checkups
- does not have transport
- decides not to attend

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays.

For more information  
please contact:  
08 9964 1888

## Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

Yes, you need to let our front office know the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school as soon as possible. Where possible, please discuss any upcoming absences in advance so we can let you know of important learning or activities your child will miss out on.

This requires a responsible person, usually a parent, to provide reason for the absence within three school days.

Having information about why your child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and work out whether we can provide any further help to you.



## Why is going to school so important?

At school many concepts such as literacy, numeracy and social skills are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning - which can often make it difficult to catch up later.

Going to school every day helps us children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' - at school, at work, at sport and other commitments

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students who attend regularly, generally do better at school and in life.

Going to school every day allows children to participate in the many activities on offer.

