

## Children with good attendance in the early years are likely to:

- Be ready for school.
- Make and keep friends more easily.
- Feel confident and have good self-esteem.
- Reach their full potential and gain good qualifications.
- Earn more and have a higher chance of being employed.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend and you have not informed the setting, a member of staff is likely to contact you to make sure that everything is alright. This is simply to make sure your child is safe and well.

## Attendance Matters - IS your child missing out?

Help your child to succeed in the early years, at school and in adult life



### Contacts and sources of support

To find out about Nursery places and Early years funding information go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20064/childcare](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20064/childcare)

Call Families & Childcare Information team on 0345 045 1360

Email: [fis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

For Children's Centre information go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20075/parenting\\_and\\_family\\_support](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20075/parenting_and_family_support)

Attendance is everyone's business

Information for parents and carers

## Benefits of attendance

Even when you are very small, good attendance makes a big difference. Your child can:

- Make friends and learn social skills.
- Build good habits for school, future learning and adulthood.
- Play, learn and have fun.
- Develop in all areas.



## What you can do

Your enthusiasm and encouragement will help your child to enjoy their early years experiences and develop a positive attitude for school life.

You can:

- Visit with your child to see the setting and meet the staff.
- Have a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Get out clothes and pack a bag the night before.
- Talk together about going to the setting and the fun things that they will do there.
- Have a back-up plan for getting there if something happens.
- Arrange medical appointments, outings and holidays for the times when your child does not attend.
- Check your child's immunisations are up to date.



## What to expect when you take up a funded early education place:

- You may be offered a home visit before your child starts.
- You will be asked for information about your child including health information and contact details.
- Your child will have a key person who will be mainly responsible for their care and learning. The key person will be your main contact at the setting.
- It may take a while for your child to settle in. Talk to staff about this and find out what you can do to help.
- If your child is reluctant to attend, ask for advice and help.
- You will be encouraged to get involved with your child's learning in the setting and at home.
- You will be told how your child is getting on and asked to share what you know about their interests and development.
- Sometimes your child will get dirty and messy. This is because they will be involved and having fun as they learn.

