

## What will your child miss out on in one week?

1. Five hours of maths
2. Five hours of literacy
3. Ten hours of science, religious education, geography, history, design and technology and information technology.

So if your child has a holiday for two weeks during term time and has a one week period of sickness, your child will miss out on

15 hours of literacy

15 hours of maths and

30 hours of learning other subjects

If this pattern were to be repeated throughout your child's school life they would miss 36 weeks of their education!

If parents took 2 weeks term time holidays every year their child would miss 1 tenth of their education.

% Attendance	Absence yearly	Absence over School Career
95	2 weeks	1/2 sch. year
94	2 1/2 weeks	1/2 sch. year
93	2 1/2 weeks	1/2 sch. year
92	3 weeks	2 terms
91	3 1/2 weeks	2 terms
90	4 weeks	1 sch. year
89	4 1/2 weeks	1 sch. year
88	4 1/2 weeks	4 terms
87	5 weeks	1 1/2 years
86	5 1/2 weeks	1 1/2 years
85	6 weeks	2 years

Only 15% of a child's waking hours from 0-16 years is spent at school!

Every minute counts!!!

Ask yourself this .....

Can my child keep up with other children if they miss out on 60 hours of education a year?

Thinking of taking a holiday in term time?

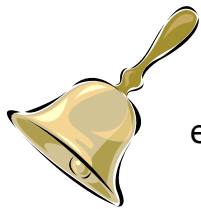
**Please think again!**

# Drayton Community Infant School



# Learning, Caring and Growing together

## When does school start?



The school day begins at 9.00 am. All children are expected to be at school before this time.

## Why register?

The school records the attendance of every pupil on roll and to show who is absent or late. Figures for attendance and for authorised and unauthorised absence have to be sent to the Department of Education and Skills. It is important for

the school to know where your child is at all times.

**Yours child's safety is everyone's business.**

## Absence from School

Regular and punctual attendance at school is the responsibility of the parents. If your child cannot go to school for any reason, please contact the school before 9.15 am, preferably by telephone on the first day of absence.

## Arrive on time



When children are late it can make things difficult for everyone.

The teacher has to stop and

wait for the child to settle down and the rest of the class is disrupted. The child misses the first part of the day or lesson and may feel embarrassed or awkward. If a child is late 15 mins every day, that is the equivalent of 95% attendance.

## Reluctance to go to school

If your child feels anxious about going to school, you should mention your concerns to the school. If problems continue an Education Attendance Officer may be able to help.

**And remember,**

**Attendance =  
Achievement**