

# ATTENDANCE

*Children who attend preschool regularly have opportunities to:*

★ **Develop Friendships**

- *They join in with groups, play together, negotiate with other children and have fun*

★ **Learn New Things**

- *They develop confidence, share ideas, solve problems and can be inquisitive*

★ **Build on What They Have Learnt**

- *They practice, refine and consolidate skills, extend their communication skills, thinking skills and understandings*

★ **Follow Routines**

- *They develop independence, take care of belongings, follow instructions, separate from parents/carers, adapt to changes and organise their time*

A high-quality preschool programme can build early literacy and math skills, as well as develop the social and emotional foundation children need to persist in school. Young children only receive the full effect of these benefits if they attend preschool regularly. Regular attendance supports children's participation in the education programme so they feel part of the group and educators can plan to support their learning.

If your child is going to be absent we ask that you inform us so that the reason can be recorded and provided to the Department for Education. If your family is going to be away on holidays, please let us know in advance. If your child is unwell, please phone us in the morning. If we are unavailable to take your call, a message can be left. You may also send a text message to our mobile phone. Our contact details are:

**Preschool Phone:** 82893915

**Mobile Phone:** 0403622143

By working together educators and families can support the regular attendance of children and help to set up good learning habits for life.