

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.



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

Call Families & Childcare Information team on
0345 045 1360

Email: fts@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For Children's Centre information go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20075/parenting_and_family_support

Attendance is everyone's business



Attendance Matters - Is your child missing out?

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



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.

