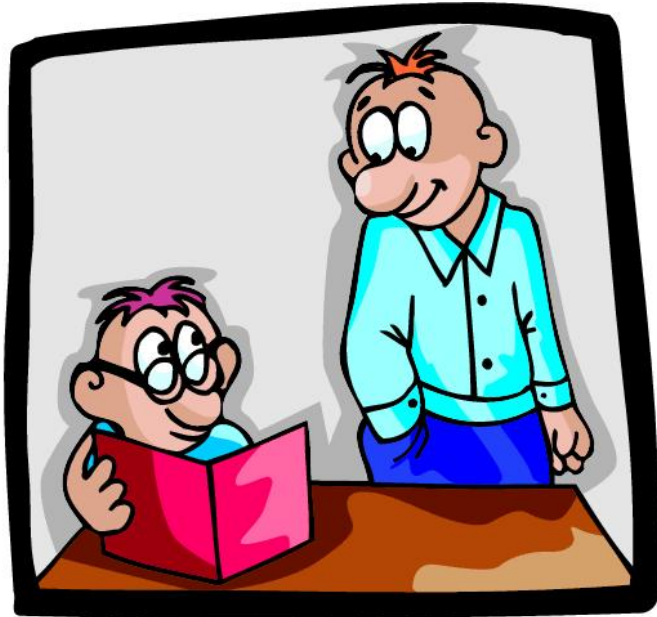


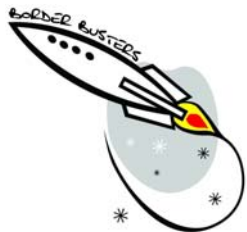
## DID YOU KNOW...?

Just 17 days absence over 1 school year can relate to a GCSE grade lost!



**GIVE YOUR CHILD  
THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES,  
THE BEST START**

**GET THEM TO SCHOOL - ON TIME - EVERY DAY!**



Questions or queries?  
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[www.borderbusters.org.uk](http://www.borderbusters.org.uk)  
or ask for a Request for Information Form  
at the school office

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



**In the BORDER BUSTERS CLUSTER!**

### **WHY?**

Because children who miss lessons don't  
do as well as they could  
- it's that simple!



## 'BUT THEY CAN CATCH UP'

### FALSE!

Lots of research has shown that by missing lessons, children fall behind and lose confidence in subjects.

Lessons missed are NOT repeated.

## 'BUT THEY CAN HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME OFF FOR HOLIDAYS OR TRIPS ABROAD'

### FALSE!

Schools are likely to say that holidays are NOT allowed in term time. Children have a total of 175 days off every year for trips and holidays.

## 'WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS OUT OF SCHOOL WITHOUT HEADTEACHER'S AGREEMENT?'

- Your child could lose his/her place
- Your could be taken to **court** or given a **Penalty Notice**

### AND...

- Your child loses opportunities to learn and get ahead
- He or she is likely to **achieve less** than their friends

### WHICH...

- Could make them feel **left behind** and **left out**

## A PARENT'S ROLE

As a parent, you have a responsibility to:

- Make sure your child receives an education  
And therefore,
- Make sure your child attends school every day it is open

## BORDER BUSTERS TOP TIPS

Make doctor's or other appointments out of school time

Take an interest in your child's school work, ask them about their day and praise them when they do well

Tell the school when your son or daughter will be absent by calling the school on the first day of absence

Be aware of signs your child may not be going to school and discuss this with them

If you are worried or your child has problems at school contact the school to arrange a meeting

Help your child to catch up on any missed work as soon as possible

Make sure your child understands you do not approve of them missing school

If your child makes excuses to try to get out of going to school, take time to listen to them; there might be an underlying problem

