HOW TO CONTACT US WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT
RING THE SCHOOL
84439356
Any day between 8am and 5 pm
SEND A NOTE
when your child returns to school
DROP IN & SEE US
Leave a message with the front office staff so the classroom teacher can be notified.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE ATTENDANCE COUNSELLOR?
Student Attendance Counsellors can assist you in improving your child’s attendance at school by working collaboratively with school staff and families. This is done by:
- Working with students in a supportive counselling role
- Visiting students at home and consulting with parents and carers
- Identifying reasons for poor attendance and making appropriate referrals to other organisations which may help to improve attendance.
- Monitor student attendance and review progress as necessary
- Help you and your child/children maintain a good attendance level at all times.

To contact the Western Regional Office District Attendance Officer
Phone 84167300

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

FLINDERS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Government of South Australia
Department of Education and Children’s Services
MUST I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

THE SHORT ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS YES!

Under the Education Act of South Australia, parents and carers are held legally responsible for the regular attendance at school of all children in their care. It is COMPULSORY for all children aged between 6 and 17 to be enrolled and ATTENDING school between the hours of operation 8.50 and 3.20pm.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD START SCHOOL?

Your child may start school the day after their fifth birthday. Enrolment packages are always available from the front office. Attending school regularly is so important for developing skills and avoiding gaps in a student's learning.

Did you know.....?

That by having one day off per week a student will miss 57 weeks in total before the end of year 7. Or by having 5 days off a term, a student will miss over half a year (28 weeks) of learning before the end of primary school. Being late by ½ an hour per day equals 5 days per term missed learning.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT OR IF YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY?

If your child is going to be away or has been absent, please send a note, ring the front office or drop in and inform a staff member about why and for how long, your child will be absent from school.

MUST I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY?

YES...........UNLESS

- The child is too sick to attend
- The child has an infectious disease like measles, chicken pox, conjunctivitis or mumps
- The child has untreated head lice
- The child is accompanying parents or carers on a trip away and has gained an exemption from the Principal and notified the school
- The teacher is provided with an acceptable reason preventing the child from attending school.

WHENEVER POSSIBLE – MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TIME - including shopping!

Should I NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF MY CHILD REFUSES TO COME TO SCHOOL?

YES; Contact the Principal or class room teacher and seek help straight away as there are lots of things we can do to help. We also have access to an Attendance Counsellor, whose role it is to assist with ensuring the full participation of children in education – see the back of this brochure for more information on the Attendance Counsellor.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Doors open at 8.40 and lessons start at 8.50am – BE ON TIME!!
WE have a legal responsibility to know where our students are! YOU have the responsibility of sending your child/children to school everyday.