

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## WHEN IS IT OK TO MISS SCHOOL?

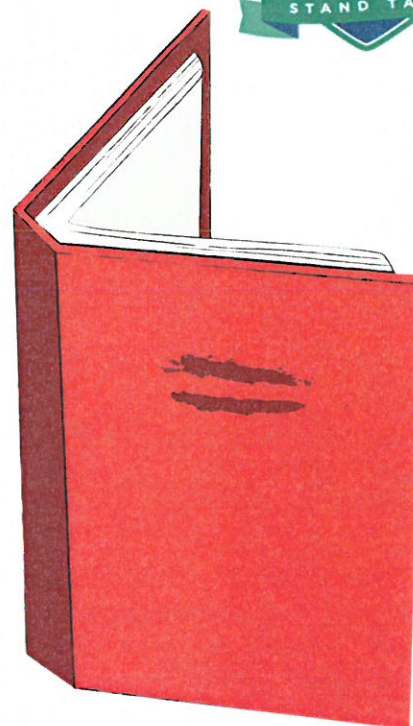
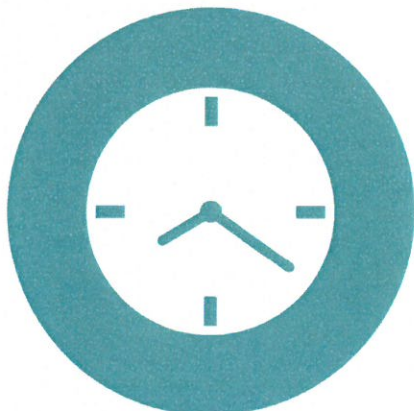
It is important for children to attend school all day, every day.

### When is it OK to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that *prevents* your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable natural events such as flood waters or a cyclone
- an unavoidable or urgent medical appointment

The principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.



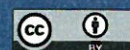
### It's NOT OK to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday
- is visiting family and friends
- has slept in or had a big weekend
- is looking after other children
- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- has appointments such as haircuts and minor check ups

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays.

For more information please contact:

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## Do you need to let the school know if your child will be or has been away from school?

YES, you need to let the **school know** (either the **teacher or office**) the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school **as soon as possible**. Where possible, please discuss any upcoming absences in advance so we can let you know of important learning or activities your child will miss out on. This requires a responsible person, usually a parent or guardian, to provide a reason for the absence within three school days.

Having information about why your child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and work out whether we can provide any further help to you.

You can inform Beeliar PS regarding absence by:

- Giving your child a note to take to school
- Utilising our app. "Tiqbiz" to notify the school of reasons for absence
- Informing the teacher/office verbally - by phone or in person



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## Why is full attendance so important?

- At school, many concepts are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing these key building blocks – which can often make it difficult to catch up later.
- Committing to school each day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.
- Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students who attend regularly, generally do better at school and have the foundations necessary for success later on in life.

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