



Attending school is important to children's learning, social and emotional development, wellbeing, physical and mental health. At the Fremantle Language Development Centre, we want your children to do their very best. To get the best education, they need to go to school **every day**. We know that some children may need extra encouragement to go to school regularly. By working together, our school community can support your child's attendance.

What can you do to help?

- Have a set time for your child to go to bed at night and get up in the morning.
- Create a visual schedule and put in the fridge to view and discuss each day.
- Have their uniform and school bag ready the night before.
- Have a set time for breakfast.
- Set a time for daily practice and home reading.
- Talk about school positively.
- If running late, encourage your child to still go to school and reassure them that you will let the school know.
- Organise for your child to meet a friend before school so they can arrive at school together if possible.
- Get involved at school through volunteering or participate in the Parent Roster (when available) or join the P&C.

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

Yes, you need to let the school know that your child will be absent from school and the reason why as soon as possible. Having information about why a child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and to work out whether we can provide any further help to you.

To let the school know you can:

- Utilise the school 'SMS text service or phone us on 9312 4850.
- Email the school at fremantle.LDC@education.wa.edu.au
- Contact your child's teacher via 'SeeSaw', email and/or the Communication Book.
- Send a note to the school with an explanation for the absence.

What will staff at the Fremantle LDC do to help?

- Offer developmentally, socially and culturally responsive learning opportunities to engage students.
- Monitor every student's attendance and work with parents to overcome problems affecting attendance.
- Provide predictable routines to help students know what to expect to reduce anxiety about going to school.
- Talk with you about involving support staff such as the school Chaplain, school psychologist and/ or Students at Educational Risk Deputy Principal and other agencies/ organisations to help.
- Talk with your local services that may also be able to help.

