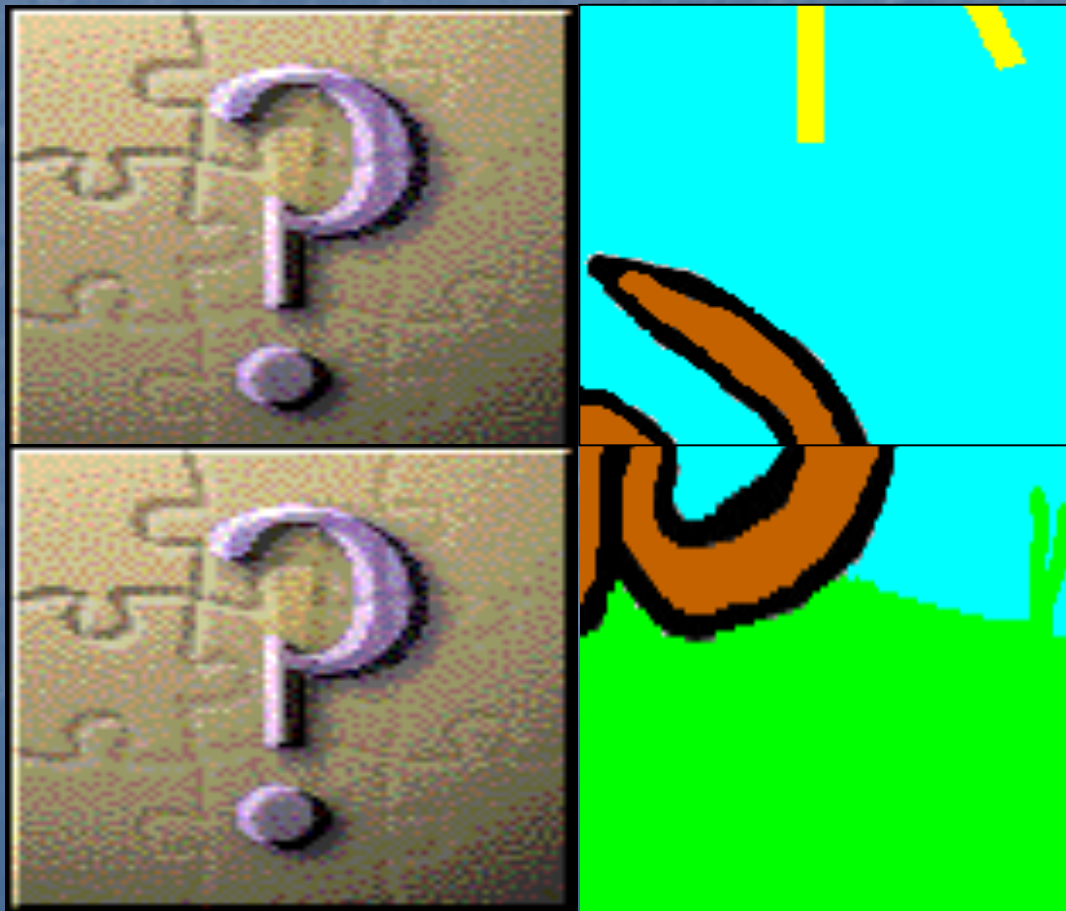


Mind the Gap!

Poor Attendance = Lost learning.



Can you tell what this is?



It's hard to see the whole picture if there are missing pieces



Missing pieces of the picture = gaps in learning because of days absent

It's a Kangaroo!



It's easy when you have all the pieces
(no missing pieces = 100% attendance)

With Good Attendance...

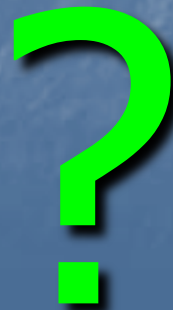


**Nursery Education is the
foundation for lifelong learning**

**Do you know what your child's
attendance percentage is?**

Do you know what this means?

Is it good or bad?



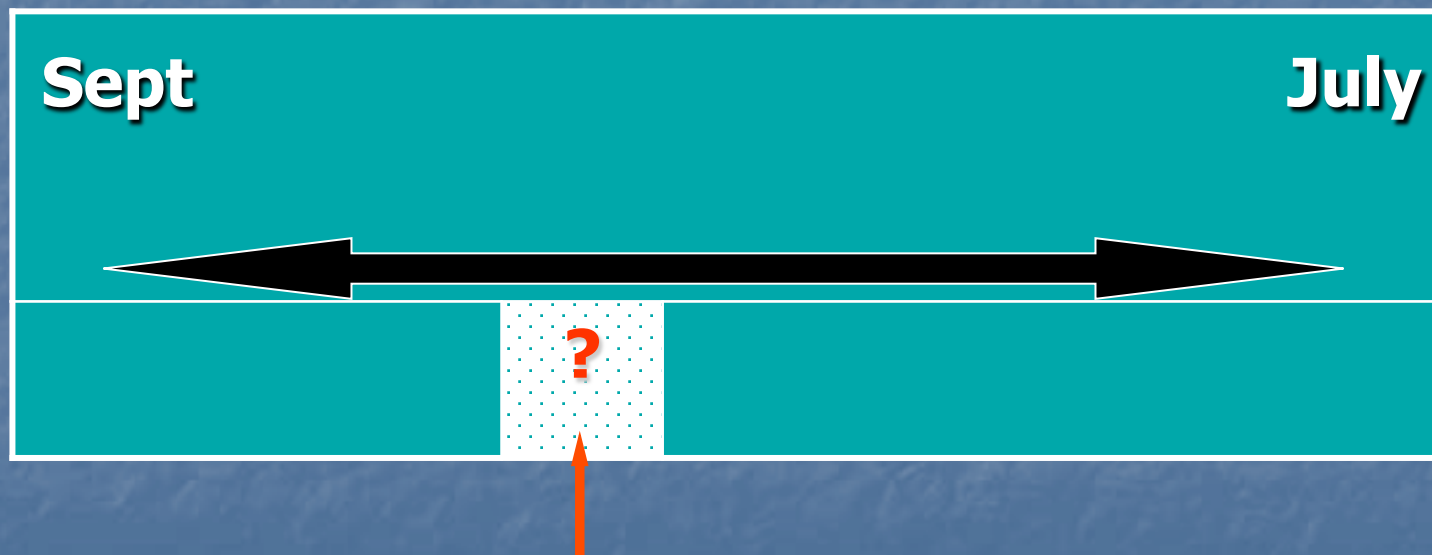
This is Sara

She has 90% attendance and her parents think this is good.

What do you think?



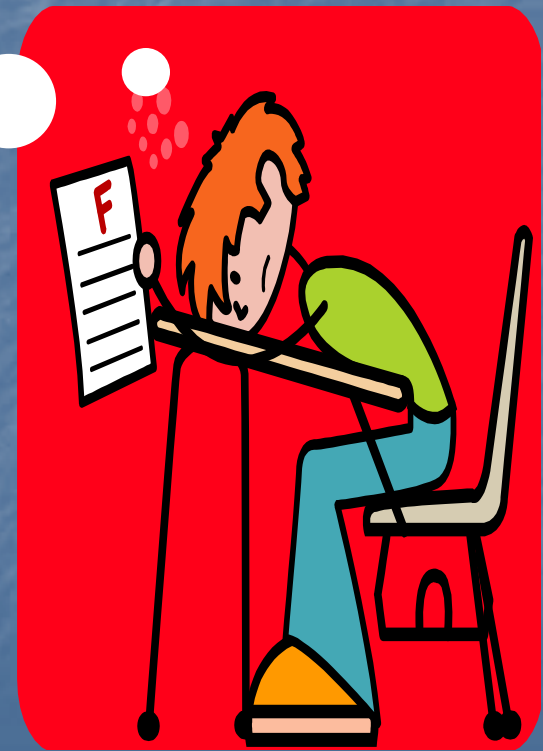
**With full time nursery provision
90% attendance = 4 whole weeks
of Education MISSED!**



Big gap in learning

Is this the future you want for your child?

Everyone else understands but I find learning so hard. Perhaps I'll pretend to be ill tomorrow.



So now we know that
90% is **not** as good
as it first seemed, what
can parents do to
increase their child's
attendance?



Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

Start establishing good attendance habits

- little ones are easier to influence, and look to you as a role model, so show them it's important to attend regularly.



Check your child's attendance

- does the nursery have any concerns about absence

Talk with your child about nursery

- what are their feelings, are they happy or anxious.

Talk to your key worker

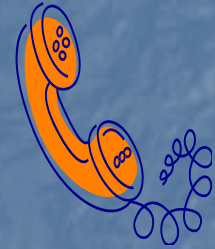
- they can help if you if you are having difficulties.



Ways to encourage good attendance:

Phone nursery as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent

- let us know when you expect them to return. Putting the nursery number in your phone can save you time.



Only grant days at home for genuine illness

- if you give in to pleading now you will have bigger problems getting them to school in the future! Unless your child has sickness, diarrhoea or is lay down ill, they can come to nursery school!



Arrange for a friend to take your child to nursery if you are unable to do it yourself

- it's not fair to prevent a child from learning because a sibling or parent is ill.



Avoid taking holidays in term time

Ways to encourage good attendance:

Establish a good bedtime routine.

If your child gets a good nights sleep it will make mornings less of a struggle!

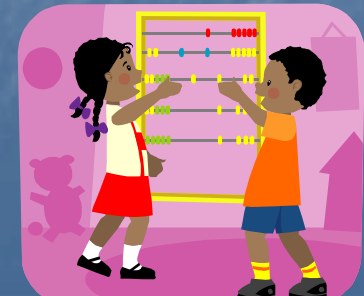


Make sure your child gets up in plenty of time to get ready for nursery

Rushing around makes children anxious



If your child says they don't want to go to nursery make sure you still take him/her and talk to the key worker



Other tips to help secure good attendance:

If your child is reluctant to attend, calmly ask them why and listen to the explanation - is always an explanation, it may not impress you, but if it is important enough to make them reluctant to attend it needs to be resolved.

Talk to us, we can help and support you and your child - you are not alone, we can work together to find solutions so that little problems don't become BIG ones.



Encouraging good punctuality:

Set an alarm clock

– rushing around is unsettling



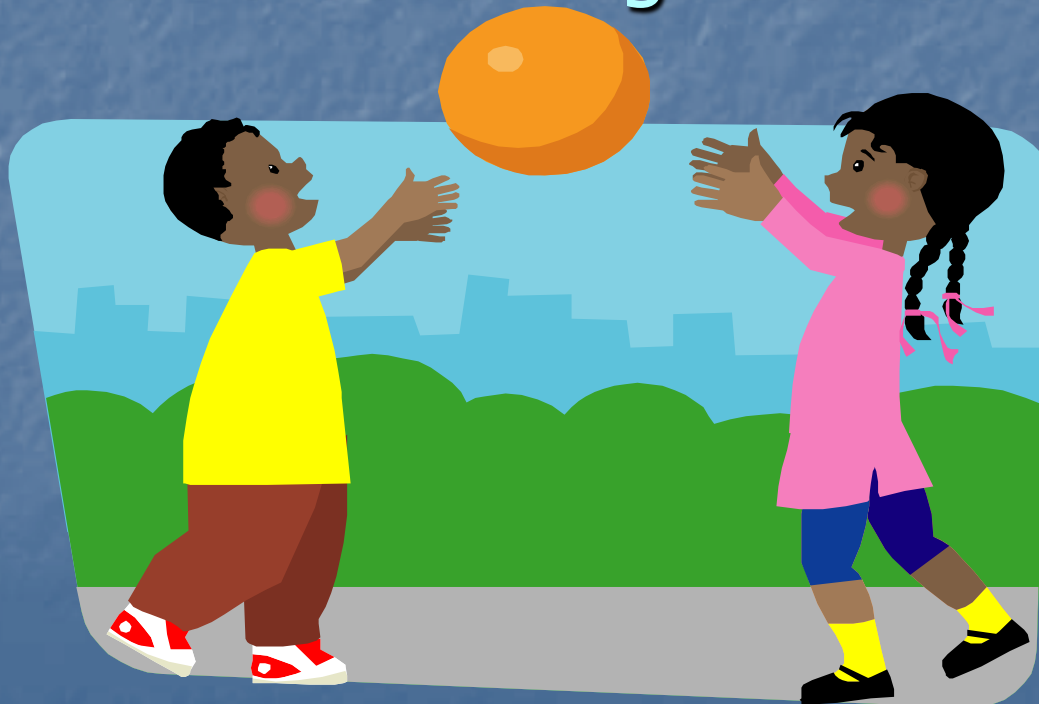
Allow plenty of time to travel to nursery

- walking into a room late can be very scary !



Another thing to think about....

When children are absent friendship groups may change and this may result in your child becoming reluctant to attend nursery



Encourage good attendance

Talk about all the lovely things they will have missed –
and how the other children and their key worker will have missed them.



Remember **PRAISE** them for good attendance.



Good attendance means your child will not miss out on learning opportunities



So help your child see the full picture