



Brampton Primary School

Attendance Newsletter

Building Personal Success

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If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

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Attendance from 4th September to 13th November 2020 is 95%.



Department
for Education

Government Attendance Expectations:

In March, when the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic was increasing, we made clear no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school.

Now the circumstances have changed, it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school.

School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.

This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends the school they are registered at;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow-up absences; and
- the ability of school to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#attendance>

Mrs Ringwood and I want to say a massive well done to all our families who helped our children return to school during the first two weeks of this term. Thank you for ensuring your children returned on time ready to learn.

Well done and keep it up!



Tips for the Week



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Expected attendance:

At Brampton Primary School we expect all children to attend school every day. They should only miss school if they are too ill to attend. Mild symptoms, such as a runny nose or stomach discomfort should not prevent your child from attending school.

Home visits:

If we are concerned about a child's attendance or feel there are safeguarding issues, we may deem it necessary to visit your home to discuss how we can better support you and your child.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN):

If your child's attendance drops below a certain level or your child takes unauthorised leave of three days or more, you may incur a fixed penalty notice.

For further information please see the Newham website.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/School-attendance.aspx>

Persistent absence (PA):

Over the past year you may have heard the term persistent absence (PA) a lot more. PA refers to children who have missed more than 10% of their school sessions. In a year there are 190 teaching days. If a child misses 19 days or more they will fall into the PA bracket. In autumn term 1 last year there were 35 teaching days, so a child was deemed PA if they were off school for 3.5 days or more that term. Children who are persistently absent for whatever reason are monitored to ensure their attendance improves.

If your child's attendance continues to cause concern you will be referred to Newham's attendance team, who may issue a penalty notice if your attendance does not improve.



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ATTENDANCE POLICY—SUMMARY FOR PARENTS

Good attendance is important because:

- statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school;
- children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically; and
- children who attend regularly find their learning more satisfying and have fewer gaps in their knowledge.

Parents:

- must ensure their child arrives at school on time for registration.
- should contact the school daily to report any absences, giving a reason and explaining when their child will return.
- should keep the school updated, and, after 5 days of absence, provide medical evidence where possible.
- should not book routine medical or dental appointments during school time—medical appointments are counted as an absence on a child's record.
- ensure their child comes to school on time everyday.

Absence procedures:

- Parents/carers must provide a reason for a child's absence. This may be in the form of a letter, a phone call or oral explanation to the school office. Explanations by the child are not acceptable. Parents are asked to inform the school office on the first day of the child's absence and every day thereafter until the child returns.
- The only acceptable reasons for absence are illness, attendance at a medical appointment, exclusion, religious holiday or family bereavement, for which the HT has given permission. **Absences to go shopping, visit relatives, go on a holiday or because a parent is unwell are not acceptable.**

Leave of absence during term time:

The school is not permitted to grant any leave of absence during school time unless there are really exceptional circumstances. Holidays are not regarded as exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave must be made in writing in advance by the parent to the Headteacher. Parents must complete the school's *Leave of Absence* form — both departure and return dates should be clearly stated.

Recognition of Achievement:

Children who have 100% attendance for a term will receive special certificates. They will also be entered into a draw with the chance of winning a prize. There will be 4 prizes each term: one for each phase.

1 or 2 days a week may not seem much, but.....

If your child misses..	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years



Attendance

04/09/2020— 13/11/2020

Class	% Attend
Antigua	91%
Barbados	95%
Cuba	92%
Egypt	94%
Cameroon	89%
Tanzania	94%
Morocco	95%
England	92%
Ireland	96%
Scotland	95%
Wales	96%
Belgium	97%
Italy	96%
Poland	92%
Spain	98%
Ghana	95%
Namibia	95%
South Africa	97%
Zimbabwe	98%
Bangladesh	94%
China	98%
India	94%
Tibet	97%
Australia	94%
Japan	97%
Madagascar	95%
New Zealand	96%
Argentina	94%
Brazil	96%
Chile	95%
Peru	96%

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Well done to **Spain, Zimbabwe & China** class who have the highest attendance of 98%.

Also, well done to **Belgium, South Africa, Tibet and Japan** whose attendance is 97%.

Children in Cameroon class must try to attend school daily.

96% and above: less than 7 absences a year and less than 30 hours of learning lost

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best levels/grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils also get into the habit of attending school which will help in the future.

90—95%: 10 + days absence a year and over 50 hours of learning lost

These pupils are less likely to achieve their target levels/grades and will start to find it difficult to maintain a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90% and below: 19 days absence a year and over 95 hours of learning lost

The government classifies pupils in this group as *persistent absentees*, and it will be almost impossible to keep up with their work and achieve their target levels/grades.

Term time leave:

Changes in the law mean that the headteacher no longer has the discretion to allow pupils to take term time leave.

If you take your child out of school for any reason, you may receive **a fine of £60 per child per parent** if paid within **21 days**. **If this fine were not paid within the time limit, the penalty would rise to £120 and need to be paid within 28 days.** This means that each parent will be fined £60 for each child.

The government monitors **school attendance and punctuality**. They look at persistent absence and lateness. If your child has attendance of 90% or less they are deemed persistent absentees and we are asked to follow this up and refer to the local authority who could take you to court. At court, the penalty is either a very large fine of up to £2,500 or imprisonment.

Please avoid keeping your child off school unless they are very sick and certainly do not take them out of school when the school is open. Please wait until the holidays.