## Brampton Primary School Attendance Newsletter

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## Our whole school attendance target is

 96.5\%Attendance - 1st September 2021 to 15th October 2021—96\%

| Year Group | Overall <br> Attendance |
| :---: | :---: |
| Nursery | $93 \%$ |
| Reception | $96 \%$ |
| Year 1 | $96 \%$ |
| Year 2 | $96 \%$ |
| Year 3 | $95 \%$ |
| Year 4 | $96 \%$ |
| Year 5 | $95 \%$ |
| Year 6 | $96 \%$ |

## Well done:

Well done to all the parents who are supporting us to improve our whole-school attendance. This autumn term we have seen attendance over $93 \%$ across the school.

## 100\% Attendance:

After a very difficult year for everyone at Brampton, I am delighted to say we had 108 children who have achieved $100 \%$ attendance for last year. All these children's names were placed into a special prize draw. The phase winners are Iniya from Early Years, Jaden from Key Stage 1 and Tion from Key Stage 2 each child has won an amazon voucher.


## Tips for the Week

What can YOU do to help make your child successful all day, every day?
Help your child get organised the night before - put out their water bottle and school uniform.
Set an alarm to help all the family wake up early. This will allow time for your child to get dressed, have breakfast, bush their teeth and leave home on time.

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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;
- 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.
- ensure their child comes to school on time everyday.
- please note medical appointments and illness absences count against a child's attendance record.


## Absence procedures:

- Parents/carers must provide a reason for a child's absence, each day they are absent.
- This may be in the form of a letter, a phone call or oral explanation to the school office or via our MyEd app.
- Explanations by the child are not acceptable.
- The only acceptable reason for absences 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 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 real 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 schools 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.

| If your child misses.. | That equals... | Which is.... | And over $\mathbf{1 3}$ years school- <br> ing that's... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 day every 2 weeks | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly $1 \frac{1}{2}$ years |
| 1 day per week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over $2 \frac{1}{2}$ 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 |

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| Class | \%Attend |
| :---: | :---: |
| Antigua AM | 95\% |
| Barbados PM | 91\% |
| Cuba AM | 93\% |
| Dominica PM | 91\% |
| Egypt | 96\% |
| Cameroon | 96\% |
| Morocco | 98\% |
| Tanzania | 94\% |
| England | 95\% |
| Ireland | 96\% |
| Scotland | 95\% |
| Wales | 98\% |
| Belgium | 93\% |
| Italy | 98\% |
| Poland | 95\% |
| Spain | 95\% |
| Ghana | 97\% |
| Namibia | 96\% |
| South Africa | 94\% |
| Zimbabwe | 94\% |
| Bangladesh | 96\% |
| China | 97\% |
| India | 97\% |
| Tibet | 94\% |
| Australia | 96\% |
| Japan | 96\% |
| Madagascar | 97\% |
| New Zealand | 91\% |
| Argentina | 93\% |
| Brazil | 97\% |
| Chile | 97\% |
| Peru | 95\% |

> Well done to Morocco, Wales and Italy classes who have the highest attendance of $98 \%$. Also well done to Ghana, China, India, Madagascar, Brazil and Chile whose attendance is $97 \%$. Children in nursery need to come to school every day.

## 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 will need to be paid within 28 days. 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.

Mrs Ringwood-Attendance Officer

