



# Brampton Primary School

## Attendance Newsletter

Building Personal Success



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### Attendance team:

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**Our whole school attendance target is**  
**96.5%**

**Attendance - 2nd September 2021 to 1st October 2021—95%**

Year group	Overall Attendance
Nursery	93%
Reception	96%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	95%

### Well done:

I would like to say a big thank you and well done to all the parents who are supporting us to improve our whole-school attendance. This autumn term we have seen our attendance figure reach 95% across the school.

### 100% Attendance:

After a very difficult year for everyone at Brampton, I am delighted to say we had 115 children who have achieved 100 % attendance for last year. This was a fantastic achievement. Thank you parents for working so hard to send your children to school every day. The 115 children who achieved 100%, will have their names put forward for a special prize draw. Next week we will announce the children who have won a £20 Amazon voucher.

**Perfect Attendance!**



### 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, by putting out their water bottle and school uniform.

Set an alarm to help the whole family wake up early; this will allow time for your child to get dressed, have breakfast, brush their teeth and leave home on time.



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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. 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.



## School Matters!



### Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



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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 to 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 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 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 13 years school- ing 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



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Class	%
Antigua AM	93%
Barbados PM	89%
Cuba AM	92%
Dominica PM	97%
Egypt	97%
Cameroon	96%
Morocco	98%
Tanzania	94%
England	95%
Ireland	97%
Scotland	95%
Wales	98%
Belgium	94%
Italy	97%
Poland	94%
Spain	96%
Ghana	97%
Namibia	96%
South Africa	95%
Zimbabwe	94%
Bangladesh	95%
China	97%
India	97%
Tibet	94%
Australia	95%
Japan	94%
Madagascar	96%
New Zealand	91%
Argentina	92%
Brazil	97%
Chile	96%
Peru	95%

Well done to **Morocco** and **Wales** class who have the highest attendance of **98%**.

Also, well done to **Dominica, Egypt, Ireland, Italy, Ghana, China, India** and **Brazil** whose attendance is **97%**.

Children in **Barbados PM** need to make sure you 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's attendance is 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