

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 from 2 September 2021 to 19 November 2021 is 96%

Year Group	Overall %
Nursery	93%
Reception	96%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%

<u>Punctuality:</u> Please make sure your children are in school for 8:55am everyday, as learning starts promptly at 9:00am. We close and lock our gates at this time.

8:50am	Children should arrive at school; school staff will be in the playground from that time.
8:55am	Children should join their class lines outside their classrooms. Class teachers will begin taking pupils inside for registration.
9:00am	All pupils arriving after this time will receive a late mark (L) on the registers. These are closely monitored.



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, brush 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 as 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, each day they are absent.
- 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.
- 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	%Attend	
Antigua AM	94%	
Barbados PM	92%	
Cuba AM	93%	
Dominica PM	92%	
Egypt	95%	
Cameroon	96%	
Morocco	97%	
Tanzania	94%	
England	95%	
Ireland	97%	
Scotland	95%	
Wales	97%	
Belgium	94%	
Italy	97%	
Poland	96%	
Spain	96%	
Ghana	97%	
Namibia	95%	
South Africa	95%	
Zimbabwe	95%	
Bangladesh	97%	
China	97%	
India	98%	
Tibet	95%	
Australia	97%	
Japan	96%	
Madagascar	97%	
New Zealand	94%	
Argentina	94%	
Brazil	97%	
Chile	97%	
Peru	96%	

Well done to India class
who have the highest
attendance of 98%.

Also well done to Morocco,
Ireland, Wales, Italy,
Ghana, Bangladesh,
China, Australia,
Madagascar, Brazil and
Chile classes whose
attendance is 97%.

Children in **Dominica** and **Barbados PM** classes please 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 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