

Brampton Primary School

Attendance Newsletter

Building Personal Success





Attendance team:

Please contact: Mr Woodhouse Mrs Ringwood



Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%

Attendance from 2 September 2021 to 10 December 2021 is 96%

Year Group	Overall %
Nursery	94%
Reception	95%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%

Punctuality:

<u>8:50am</u>	Children should arrive at school.	
<u>8:55am</u>	Children go into class.	
<u>9:00am</u>	All pupils arriving after 9am are late.	

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equivalent days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes every day	3.4 days
10 minutes every day	6.9 days
15 minutes every day	10.3 days
20 minutes every day	13.8 days



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 in order to arrive at school for 8.50am.



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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 is in school on time at 8.55am, 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, using the MyEd App, emailing the Attendance Officer or by phoning the school office.

Explanations by the child are not acceptable.

- The only acceptable reason for absences are illness, attendance at a medical appointment, (please provide medical evidence where possible), exclusion, religious holidays 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 <u>not</u> permitted to grant <u>any</u> leave of absence during school time unless there are real exceptional circumstances, please consider 'would your employee grant you leave'.
- 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 fully complete the schools Leave of Absence form and provide copies of travel information.

Recognition of Achievement:

Children with 100% attendance per term will receive special certificates. They will also be entered into a draw with the chance of winning a prize.

If your child misses	That equals	Which is
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year



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

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

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

Children in **Barbados and Dominica 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