

Attendance Newsletter

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Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%

Attendance - 1st September 2022 to 21st October 2022 - 95.1%

Year group	Overall Attend-	
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Nursery	88.4%	
Reception	92.9%	
Year 1	94.8%	
Year 2	94.3%	
Year 3	96.2%	
Year 4	97.0%	
Year 5	96.2%	
Year 6	95.4%	

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 attendance over 95% across the school.

100% Attendance:

After a very difficult year for everyone at Brampton, I am delighted to say we had 60 children who have achieved 100 % attendance for last year. This was a great achievement. Thank you parents for working so hard to send your children to school every day. All these children's names have been placed in a draw for a special special prize. Children will be handed their 100% certificates in a Special assembly next term. We will also announce who has won the special prize.



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 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 deem it necessary to visit your home to discuss you will be referred to Newham's attendance team, who may issue a penalty notice if your attendance does not improve.



School Matters!





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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 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 prizes each term: one for each phase.

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



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Class	%Attend
Antigua AM	91.1%
Barbados PM	81.6%
Cuba AM	93.0%
Dominica PM	85.5%
Egypt	95.6%
Cameroon	92.8%
Morocco	90.0%
Tanzania	93.2%
England	91.7%
Scotland	93.9%
Wales	98.3%
Northern Ireland	95.4%
Belgium	95.6%
Italy	97.7%
Poland	88.8%
Spain	95.2%
Ghana	97.8%
Namibia	97.3%
South Africa	93.5%
Zimbabwe	96.2%
Bangladesh	96.9%
China	96.8%
India	98.4%
Tibet	95.8%
Australia	97.7%
Japan	95.7%
Madagascar	97.0%
New Zealand	94.4%
Argentina	93.6%
Brazil	97.0%
Chile	96.1%
Peru	94.8%
Totals	95.1%

Well done to Wales, and India classes who have attendance above 98%.

Also well done to Italy, Ghana,
Namibia, Australia, Madagascar and
Brazil classes whose attendance
was above 97%.

Children in **Poland, Barbados and Dominica class** please 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.

Mr Woodhouse - Attendance Leader