## Brampton Primary School Attendance Newsletter

 Building Personal Success

## Attendance team:

Please contact:
Mr Woodhouse

Ms Tshuma

Absence guidance on page 2:
Please refer to the guidance explaining whether you SHOULD or SHOULD NOT keep your child off school on page 2.

For diarrhoea and vomiting children should only return 48 hours after their last episode


## Our whole school attendance target is 96.5\%

Attendance - 1st September 2022 to 10th February 2023 - 93.7\%

| Year group | Overall Attendance |
| :---: | :---: |
| Nursery | $86.6 \%$ |
| Reception | $91.8 \%$ |
| Year 1 | $93.6 \%$ |
| Year 2 | $93.1 \%$ |
| Year 3 | $95.0 \%$ |
| Year 4 | $94.6 \%$ |
| Year 5 | $95.0 \%$ |
| Year 6 | $95.3 \%$ |

## 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. In most cases these absences with lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by Newham Council. Over the last two terms 74 children have had time off school during term time. This has really affected our overall attendance. Please make sure your children are in school every day. 100\% Attendance:

I am delighted to say we had a number of children who have achieved $100 \%$ attendance last term. Thank you parents for working hard to send your children to school every day. The children below are our special winners. They all met SAM the Attendasaurus, who handed out certificates and special prizes.


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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## 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.

Please see page 2 for guidance

## 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:



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## Date: 10/02/2023

Issue: 3
http://brampton.newham.sch.uk
Tel: 02084720830

## 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.
- $\quad$ should keep the school updated every day 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.
- Should notify the school of any doctors or dental appointments in advance using the MyEd app
- 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 should be using the MyEd app wherever possible.
- We are exploring ways for both parents/carers to be able to use the MyEd service
- Explanations by the child are not acceptable.
- The only acceptable reason for absences are illness, attendance at a medical appointment or an exclusion. Religious holidays and visits for family bereavements will not be authorised by the Headteacher.
- Absences to go shopping, visit relatives, go on a holiday or because a parent is unwell will not be authorized and in most cases will incur a Fixed Penalty Notice.
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. Proof of flight tickets are also needed.


## 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 are 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... |
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| 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 | 88.8\% |
| Barbados PM | 80.0\% |
| Cuba AM | 90.9\% |
| Dominica PM | 84.5\% |
| Egypt | 93.2\% |
| Cameroon | 89.9\% |
| Morocco | 92.2\% |
| Tanzania | 91.9\% |
| England | 92.1\% |
| Ireland | 94.1\% |
| Scotland | 95.9\% |
| Wales | 92.3\% |
| Belgium | 91.9\% |
| Italy | 93.8\% |
| Poland | 91.9\% |
| Spain | 94.6\% |
| Ghana | 94.9\% |
| Namibia | 95.4\% |
| South Africa | 93.3\% |
| Zimbabwe | 96.5\% |
| Bangladesh | 94.6\% |
| China | 93.4\% |
| India | 95.6\% |
| Tibet | 94.8\% |
| Australia | 95.1\% |
| Japan | 95.0\% |
| Madagascar | 95.3\% |
| New Zealand | 94.7\% |
| Argentina | 95.8\% |
| Brazil | 95.2\% |
| Chile | 96.0\% |
| Peru | 94.3\% |
| Totals | 93.7\% |

## Well done to Zimbabwe and Chile classes for attendance over 96\%

96\% is the Department for Education's expectation for good attendance


#### Abstract

Children in Antigua, Barbados, Dominica and Cameroon classes 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

