



Attendance Newsletter

Brampton Primary School

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Class	Attendance
Antigua AM	74.5
Cuba AM	91.7
Antigua PM	89.7
Antigua 30	90.2
Egypt	96.3
Cameroon	97.6
Tanzania	89.1
Morocco	89.6
England	95.8
Scotland	94.3
Wales	93.4
Northern Ireland	94.8
Belgium	99
Italy	96.5
Poland	97.8
Spain	94.9
Ghana	96.9
Namibia	84.4
South Africa	97.9
Zimbabwe	92.9
Bangladesh	94.3
China	93.6
India	96
Tibet	96.4
Australia	98
Japan	97.4
Madagascar	97
New Zealand	98
Argentina	95.2
Brazil	97.5
Chile	96.1
Peru	96.5
Whole School	95.2

Introduction

What is the attendance newsletter?

Welcome to the first attendance newsletter of the 2023-2024 academic year. Each month we will be reporting on the attendance figures for each class at Brampton Primary School. We will also be providing parents and carers with useful information and advice on attendance.

We hope you find the newsletters informative and useful. If you have ideas for the newsletter, helpful hints and tips for other parents and carers, or want to raise a general issue, please use our [feedback form](#). For specific queries or problems relating to your child or family, email attendance@brampton.newham.sch.uk.

How do we monitor attendance?

The Department for Education (DfE) and Fischer Family Trust (FFT) both produce regular reports on attendance, which provide national (across England) and local (by region and borough) data for primary schools (reception—year 6).

We use data from the DfE and FFT to assess our school.

The most recent data published by the DfE covers up to the 15th September:

- ⇒ Newham = 93.8%
- ⇒ London = 95.7%
- ⇒ England = 96.1%

The most recent data for FFT covers up to the 22nd September:

- ⇒ London = 95%
- ⇒ England = 95.5%

As you can see, the school is slightly below the data for England according to both the FFT and DfE data. Our overall percentage does, however, include our nursery provision.

Ofsted monitor attendance as part of their safeguarding audit, so it is vital that children are in school every day where possible.



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Attendance Tips

What can I do to help make my child attend school every day?

One of the main factors impacting children's ability to attend school every day is sleep. Ensuring your child goes to bed at an appropriate time and enjoys plenty of rest is crucial in achieving good attendance. Getting enough sleep will help them stay healthy and provide them with the energy and concentration levels they need.

The NHS recommends the following:

Your child's age	Recommended sleep time in 24 hours
Infants 4 to 12 months	12 to 16 hours including naps
Children 1 to 2 years	11 to 14 hours including naps
Children 3 to 5 years	10 to 13 hours including naps
Children 6 to 12 years	9 to 12 hours
Teenagers 13 to 18 years	8 to 10 hours

If you want to change your child's sleep habits, try using this NHS guide below:

1. Decide what time you want your child to go to bed.
2. Start a "winding down" bedtime routine around 30 minutes before the time that your child usually falls asleep. Bring this forward by 5 to 10 minutes each week – or 15 minutes if your child is in the habit of going to bed very late – until you get to the bedtime you want.
3. Set a limit on how much time you spend with your child when you put them to bed. For example, read only 1 story, then tuck your child in and say goodnight.
4. Give your child their favourite toy, dummy (if they use one) or comforter before settling into bed.
5. Leave a dim light on if necessary.
6. If your child gets up, keep taking them back to bed again with as little fuss as possible.
7. Try to be consistent.
8. You may have to repeat this routine for several nights.

Further information can be found on the following websites:

- [Sleep hygiene in children and young people | Great Ormond Street Hospital \(gosh.nhs.uk\)](http://gosh.nhs.uk)
- [Sleep and young children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Home - The Sleep Charity](#)



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Attendance Policy

Why is good attendance important?

- Statistics show that pupils with good attendance achieve well 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.

If your child misses..	Their attendance rate will be...	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	Less than 90%	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	Less than 80%	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	Less than 60%	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	Less than 40%	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

What must parents ensure?

- Parents and carers must ensure their child arrives at school on time for registration.
- Parents and carers should contact the school daily to report any absences, giving a reason and explaining when their child will return.
- They should keep the school updated every day and after five days of absence, provide medical evidence where possible.
- They should not book routine medical or dental appointments during school time.
- They should notify the school of any unavoidable appointments in advance using MyEd.

Where can I get the My Ed app?

Parents can download the MyEd app from the Google Play store or App Store:

- ⇒ [Google Play](#)
- ⇒ [App Store](#)

We have created a parent guide to using the app to [monitor your child's attendance](#).

How is good attendance rewarded?

Each week the class in each phase with the highest attendance receives 10 minutes extra play time.

At the end of each half term, children who have 100% attendance receive special certificates. This year we will also be introducing certificates for those who have 100% attendance including authorised absences.

At the end of the year all the children with 100% attendance will be entered into a prize draw. Four names will be chosen—one from each phase—and they will each receive a special prize.



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Attendance Expectations

What are the expectations in terms of attendance at Brampton Primary School?

At Brampton Primary School we expect all children to attend school every day. Children should only be absent 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. A recent letter, published by the DfE and with advice from England's chief medical officer, stated: "It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat." You can read the full letter here: [Letter to school leaders on mild illness and school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk).

What are persistent absentees (PAs)?

Over the past year you may have heard the term persistent absentees in the news. Persistent absentees are those 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 this 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, despite the support that is put in place, you may be referred to Newham's attendance team. They may issue a fixed penalty notice if your child's attendance still does not improve.

What are fixed penalty notices?

If your child's attendance drops below 90% or you take them out of school for an unauthorised leave of three days or more, you may incur a fixed penalty notice. For further information please see Newham website: [Action we can take if your child misses school – Attendance – Newham Council](#).

Why might the school conduct a home visit?

If we are concerned about your child's attendance or safety, we may deem it necessary to visit your home to discuss how we can best support you and your family. Please understand that home visits are always conducted in the best interests of you and your child, with the main purpose to check that everyone is safe and well.

What are the rules around taking children out of school during term time?

We are not able to authorise term time leave for children unless in exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave must be made in writing in advance by the parent or carer to the headteacher using the school's *Leave of Absence* form. Holidays, trips abroad to visit relatives and family events do not qualify as exceptional circumstances. If you would like to discuss a term time absence, please speak to a member of the school office.