



Attendance Newsletter

Brampton Primary School

Building Personal Success

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Class	Attendance
Antigua AM	87.5%
Cuba AM	88.7%
Antigua PM	85.1%
Antigua 30	89.9%
Egypt	94.3%
Cameroon	91.2%
Tanzania	93.7%
Morocco	92.38%
England	92%
Scotland	94.8%
Wales	94.62%
Northern Ireland	94.1%
Belgium	93.9%
Italy	94.9%
Poland	94.9%
Spain	95.3%
Ghana	94.3%
Namibia	93.4%
South Africa	95.3%
Zimbabwe	94.1%
Bangladesh	95.3%
China	96.1%
India	95.4%
Tibet	94.7%
Australia	95.7%
Japan	95.5%
Madagascar	95.5%
New Zealand	96.6%
Argentina	95.3%
Brazil	95%
Chile	95.3%
Peru	95.9%
Whole School	94.3%

Introduction

Welcome to the Brampton Primary School attendance newsletter. The purpose is to share with you our school attendance data, provide practical support in following our attendance procedures and support you to ensure your child's attendance is as good as possible.

How do we monitor attendance?

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

The most recent data for FFT covers up to 15th March 2024:

- ⇒ London = 94.4%
- ⇒ England = 94.3%

As you can see, the school is in line with the data for England and slightly below data for London according to FFT. 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.

How can I provide feedback or ask for support?

We hope you find the attendance 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.

Based on feedback received from a parent, we have now created a FAQ document, which can be found on our website.



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Safeguarding

Ensuring your child's safety when you are away:

If you are planning to leave your child in the care of someone else, whether it is an older sibling, relative, or another guardian, it is crucial to inform the school and provide us with their contact details. This enables us to stay connected in case of emergencies and ensures clarity regarding decision-making for your child's welfare.

Home visits— why do they happen?

In cases where we have concerns about a child's attendance or safety, we may conduct home visits. If we have not received any communication regarding your child's absence, we will attempt to reach you through various channels such as phone calls, emails, and messages. If we are still unable to make contact, a home visit will be scheduled by the third day to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone involved.

Monitoring attendance of children who walk to school by themselves:

Children who walk to school by themselves are included in our attendance monitoring list. Identifying whether these children are in school promptly allows our attendance officer to track their attendance efficiently and ensures we are aware of their whereabouts as soon as possible. Please continue to inform us if your child is walking to school by themselves.

Attendance Incentives

Weekly recognition: Every week, the class with the highest attendance in each phase is acknowledged and celebrated during our assemblies. Additionally, they earn an extra 10 minutes of playtime.

Half-termly awards: To recognise good and excellent attendance, students achieving 98-100% attendance rate for the half term receive certificates and are entered into a raffle. Winners from each phase—EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2, and Upper KS2—have the opportunity to select prizes during our half-termly celebration assemblies. These raffles are conducted independently for each half term, offering all students the chance to excel.

Annual prize draw: At the end of the year, students with 100% attendance are entered into a prize draw, as well as those who have 100% attendance including authorised absences for medical reasons. One name from each phase is randomly selected, and the winners receive special prizes.



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Attendance and punctuality

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

Punctuality

School starts at 9am and your child can arrive any time from 8.45am. Anyone arriving after 9am is counted as late and will need to take their child to the office, stating a reason for this.

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class, can cause children anxiety and means they are missing out on vital learning.





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Attendance Policy

Parent and Carer Responsibilities:

- Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring their child arrives punctually for school registration.
- It is expected that parents and caregivers communicate with the school daily to report any absences, providing a reason and indicating the anticipated return date.
- Regular updates should be provided to the school, along with any relevant medical documentation when applicable.
- Scheduling routine medical or dental appointments during school hours should be avoided whenever possible.
- In cases where unavoidable appointments arise, parents should notify the school in advance using the MyEd platform.

What Constitutes Medical Evidence?

If your child is absent from school due to medical reasons, we may require appropriate documentation to explain the absence.

Accepted forms of medical evidence include:

- Prescription or prescribed medication including the child's name
- Documentation of a GP or hospital appointment, such as text messages, emails, or appointment cards
- Hospital appointment letters

Medical and Dental Appointments:

Whenever possible, appointments should be scheduled outside of school hours. If this is not feasible, please provide documentation of the appointment, such as an appointment card, letter, or text message. Children are expected to attend school before and after their appointment.

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](#)

Support for Attendance and Punctuality:

Should you encounter challenges with your child's attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to reach out. Our school office, inclusion team, and senior leadership team are available for assistance. We offer various forms of support and can also direct you to additional services if necessary.



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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.

Further advice can be found via the link to the NHS website below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Should my child attend school if they are anxious or worried?

It is normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It is good to talk about any worries they may have such as bullying, friendship problems, school work or sensory problems. You can also work with the school to find ways to help them. If your child is still struggling and it is affecting their everyday life, please come and speak to a member of the inclusion team. We will then be able to advise you on advice and support that is available to you. Find information and advice about how to help children with anxiety.

[Find information and advice about how to help children with anxiety](#)

What are persistent absentees (PAs)?

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. The school may send letters informing you of your child's attendance and hold meetings to discuss how we can work together to try to improve your child's attendance.

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 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](#).

Newham's Healthy Schools Programme Lead has asked that this poster is shared to make families aware of this potentially dangerous scam.



Autism 'cure' misinformation



Have you heard about a new doctor coming from overseas in April offering to cure children of their autism?

Please be aware that there is no known cure to autism currently and this dangerous claim could pose very serious problems for vulnerable children while also creating financial problems for parents/carers.

If you hear or experience this issue, you can report this confidentially by contacting Newham's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub by calling **0203 373 4600**.

If you require any advice, please scan the QR code which provides useful information on Autism.



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