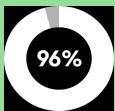


ATTENDANCE NEWS



End of Week School Target



NEW YEAR, NEW RESOLUTION—
Small changes can make a big difference.

Why not pack your child's bag or lunchbox the night before?

Set the alarm clock ten minutes earlier?

These small changes can help everyone to be ready to leave home in good time, arrive at school **ON TIME** and be ready for the day ahead.

Whole school daily attendance targets

- 98% = 9 pupils absent
 - 97% = 14 pupils absent
 - 96% = 19 pupils absent
 - 95% = 24 pupils absent
 - 94% = 29 pupils absent
- Missing school means missing out!

Important Information about attendance at Begbrook

Welcome to issue 3 of our Attendance Newsletter.

Happy New Year! We are pleased to have the children back in school and refreshed following the Christmas break.

We would like to say a huge well done to **247** pupils have 97% attendance and over with **94** of our pupils remaining at 100% attendance since September! This has ensured your children have not missed out and are fully benefitting from all the school has to offer.

Why does school attendance matter?

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers and struggle to catch up.

Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can lead to big gaps in their learning.

Friendships can be affected by children missing school too. It can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

You can help by ensuring your child attends school every day and on time.

Pupil Voice

We've been asking children what makes them **want** to come to school they said:

- "Exciting things like going in the body sock & basketball" - M, Year 4
- "Seeing friends, my funny teacher & other adults. I like Maths & PE" - T, Year 6
- "Playtimes & lunch time, friends and learning; especially art and writing and maths" - J, Year 5
- "My teacher and my friends" - D, Year 3
- "Playing outside. I like my teacher and doing PE" - N, Year 6

A strong start!

The following classes have **96% or over** since the start of the school term

RFE	2SF
1VM	4AP
1CP	4SS
1ZH	5FH
2DC	6PW



Reminders: school absence

Illness

We regularly follow government guidance & public health guidance. In term 2, there were increased amounts of illness which affected 7% of our children. As a result, we increased cleaning procedures, there was an increased focus on hygiene (e.g. handwashing) and ensuring that the "catch it, bin it, kill it" guidance was being followed by the children.

We would like to remind families that the current guidance around Covid stated that children should not be tested unless advised to by a health professional. If a child is advised to test and they test positive, they will need to isolate for 3 days following the positive result and are able to return to school once the 3 days are complete if they do not have a temperature.

If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend, please call the office on 0117 903 0386 to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

Begbrook Primary Academy

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

