



Grove School

Attendance Newsletter

Autumn Term 2016

News to celebrate

Last year 17 children achieved 100% attendance. Well done to all these children and their families; it is an amazing achievement. We hope you enjoy spending your book voucher and wear your badge with pride.

Nursery: Rayan
Reception: Sartaj
Year 1: Gurvinder
Year 2: Demario, Harpreet, Anandi, and Chioma
Year 4: Jaydon, Serina, Ajit, Neeraj, Reha, Aisha, and Riya
Year 5: Preet and Riya,
Year 6: Hena

Whole school attendance target for 2016 – 2017.

The national attendance rate for primary schools is 96%. We have set our attendance target for this year as 96%. We are all working together to achieve this.

If your child is absent from school please inform school by email k.omahoney@grove.bham.sch.uk, informing the school office in person or by telephone on 0121 464 1032 by 8.45am.

We will be able to authorise absences for illness and medical appointments. We request dental appointments be made in school holidays or after 3.15pm.

If we do not hear from you on the first day of absence, we will contact you at home to find out the reason for the absence. Please inform school in you change address or telephone numbers.

Where we do not receive information about an absence we will write to you to obtain the information.

Leave in term time

Grove School follows Birmingham Local Authority and The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) regulations 2006 which means that Head Teachers no longer authorise leave during term time. Leave in term time results in unauthorized absence and may lead to the issuing of a penalty notice and legal action being taken. Your child may also lose their school place. Currently we have waiting lists for every year group; demand for school places at Grove is high.

Spotlight on attendance

At Grove we believe good attendance results in our children making greater progress and achieving well in school. We monitor attendance very carefully. Should your child's attendance become a cause for concern we will arrange for a member of staff to meet with you to explore reasons for poor attendance. School can offer support in a range of ways to help you improve your child's attendance, some families have found a Family CAF and work with a Family Support Worker has helped them.

If you wish to find out more about attendance and punctuality at Grove you can visit the school website, www.grove.bham.sch.uk/parents/schoolpolicies. Information about school admission arrangements in Birmingham can be found at [www.grove.bham.sch.uk/parents/admission arrangements](http://www.grove.bham.sch.uk/parents/admission%20arrangements).

The School Travel Plan

Congratulations everyone!

We have been awarded the Modeshift STARS bronze accreditation for meeting the targets in our Grove school travel plan. On Friday 7th October 2016 four year 6 pupils will be visiting the council house in Birmingham to receive the award on behalf of the school.

Remember to keep walking to school, make sure you use a safe place to cross and set out in plenty of time so you get to school on time and in safety.

100% so far.....

What a great start we have 206 children who have achieved 100% attendance since the start of autumn term.