



Grove School

Attendance Newsletter End of Autumn Term 2017

News to celebrate

Our attendance for the whole school at the end of the autumn term was 95.5%
This is fantastic news. Well done everyone.

100% so far.....

At the end of the autumn term, 191 children achieved 100% attendance since September 2017. This is an amazing achievement. Well done to all of these children. During assembly, all of the children were presented with a certificate, a bronze badge, a wristband and a prize.

These are the numbers of children who achieved 100% in each class.

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| Nursery Green | 4 | Nursery Red | 6 | Nursery Yellow | 5 |
| Reception Green | 5 | Reception Red | 7 | Reception Yellow | 5 |
| 1 Green | 4 | 1 Red | 7 | 1 Yellow | 6 |
| 2 Green | 4 | 2 Red | 11 | 2 Yellow | 11 |
| 3 Green | 11 | 3 Red | 7 | 3 Yellow | 7 |
| 4 Green | 11 | 4 Red | 11 | 4 Yellow | 12 |
| 5 Green | 4 | 5 Red | 5 | 5 Yellow | 5 |
| 5 Blue | 9 | 5 Purple | 4 | | |
| 6 Green | 6 | 6 Red | 6 | 6 Yellow | 5 |
| 6 Blue | 9 | 6 Purple | 4 | | |

4 Yellow have the most children with 100% Attendance. Well done.

We also had 207 children throughout the school who achieved an attendance of 97% or above. This was also celebrated during assemblies with each child receiving a certificate and a prize.



More photographs can be found on our website at www.grove.bham.sch.uk.



Class Attendance since September 2017

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Nursery Green | 89% | Nursery Red | 91% | Nursery Yellow | 95% |
| Reception Green | 94% | Reception Red | 96% | Reception Yellow | 95% |
| 1 Green | 93% | 1 Red | 96% | 1 Yellow | 96% |
| 2 Green | 96% | 2 Red | 95% | 2 Yellow | 95% |
| 3 Green | 97% | 3 Red | 98% | 3 Yellow | 95% |
| 4 Green | 96% | 4 Red | 96% | 4 Yellow | 97% |
| 5 Green | 96% | 5 Red | 96% | 5 Yellow | 97% |
| 5 Blue | 97% | 5 Purple | 96% | | |
| 6 Green | 94% | 6 Red | 97% | 6 Yellow | 97% |
| 6 Blue | 97% | 6 Purple | 98% | | |

Well done to 3 Red and 6 Purple who achieved the highest attendance for the term.

Reporting an Absence

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. Any non-urgent medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours.

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 if you change address or telephone numbers. Where we do not receive information about an absence we will write to you to obtain the information.

The School Nurse

The school nurse is available every fortnight on a Friday. The next school nurse visit is on Friday 2nd February. Should you wish to book an appointment please contact Miss M Murphy on 0121 464 4669.

Our school nurse is Vicky Kempson, she is always here to help parents improve the attendance of their children.



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 unauthorised 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.

Birmingham City Council have issued **18 penalty notices** to parents at Grove School since February 2017 due to leave in term time with a number of other penalty notices pending.

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 an Early Help assessment 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.

Where we have concerns regarding a child's attendance we will follow Birmingham City Councils "Spotlight" procedure where we will support families with improving attendance. If attendance fails to improve it may result in court action.

From September, Birmingham Local Authority have moved to the "Single Justice" procedure. In cases where penalty notices have not been paid or the level of offence requires the matter going straight to Court, parents will now be sent a 'Single Justice Notice. This gives parents the option to plead not guilty (so a trial date will then be set); plead not guilty but have their case heard in court, or plead not guilty and have the matter dealt with by a single Magistrate and Legal Advisor with no need for either the local authority or the parent to be present.

Let's make sure we achieve 96% attendance in Spring 2018.