



Grove School

## Attendance Newsletter End of Autumn Half Term 2019

**Our attendance for the whole school at the end of the autumn half term was 96%**

**We are meeting the whole school target set at 96%**

**100% so far.....**

At the end of the half term 345 children have achieved 100% attendance since September 2019. This is an amazing achievement. Well done to all of these children.

These are the numbers of children who achieved 100% in each class. These children are currently on target for a bronze award at the end of autumn term.

<b>Nursery Green</b>	10	<b>Nursery Yellow</b>	10		
<b>Reception Green</b>	15	<b>Reception Red</b>	13	<b>Reception Yellow</b>	15
<b>1 Green</b>	16	<b>1 Red</b>	19	<b>1 Yellow</b>	11
<b>2 Green</b>	21	<b>2 Red</b>	15	<b>2 Yellow</b>	15
<b>3 Green</b>	12	<b>3 Red</b>	18	<b>3 Yellow</b>	22
<b>4 Green</b>	17	<b>4 Red</b>	16	<b>4 Yellow</b>	14
<b>5 Green</b>	16	<b>5 Red</b>	10	<b>5 Yellow</b>	14
<b>5 Purple</b>	5				
<b>6 Green</b>	15	<b>6 Red</b>	8	<b>6 Yellow</b>	13
<b>6 Purple</b>	5				

**3 Yellow have the most children with 100% attendance. Well done, a fantastic achievement.**

**Congratulations to year 3, your year group has the most children achieving 100% attendance**



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### **Class Attendance since September 2019**

<b>Nursery Yellow (Morning)</b>	93%	<b>Nursery Yellow (Afternoon)</b>	94%	<b>Nursery Yellow (Full time)</b>	93%
<b>Nursery Green (Morning)</b>	96%	<b>Nursery Green (Afternoon)</b>	91%		
<b>Reception Green</b>	93%	<b>Reception Red</b>	95%	<b>Reception Yellow</b>	95%
<b>1 Green</b>	97%	<b>1 Red</b>	96%	<b>1 Yellow</b>	95%
<b>2 Green</b>	97%	<b>2 Red</b>	96%	<b>2 Yellow</b>	97%
<b>3 Green</b>	94%	<b>3 Red</b>	97%	<b>3 Yellow</b>	98%
<b>4 Green</b>	98%	<b>4 Red</b>	97%	<b>4 Yellow</b>	97%
<b>4 Purple</b>	90%				
<b>5 Green</b>	98%	<b>5 Red</b>	97%	<b>5 Yellow</b>	95%
<b>5 Purple</b>	98%				
<b>6 Green</b>	98%	<b>6 Red</b>	97%	<b>6 Yellow</b>	98%
<b>6 Purple</b>	89%				

**Well done to 3 Yellow, 4 Green, 5 Green, 5 Purple, 6 Green and 6 Yellow who all achieved the highest attendance with an amazing 98%!**

### **Reporting an Absence**

If your child is absent from school please inform 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.

Home visits will be completed where a child has not attended school for three days and the reason is unknown.

### **Early collection of children**

Should you need to collect your child from school for any other reasons other than medical and illness then you will need to inform school at the earliest opportunity outlining the reason in order to gain the head teacher's approval. Please note that a request is likely to be declined.

If your child needs to leave school in learning time due to a parental appointment we will ask for proof of the appointment in order to consider the request.

School will not authorise parents taking children out of school to buy new clothes or shoes, collect relatives from an airport, to attend appointments for other children who do not attend Grove school or to attend appointments with parents unless it is an emergency and the family have no one else to collect the child.



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### **Medical Appointments**

If your child does need to attend a medical appointment in learning time please ensure that they attend school prior to and after their medical appointments. Children should not be absent for a full day for a routine appointment.

### **Leave in term time**

**From 1st September 2013**, amendments to the **Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006** made clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

Since February 2017 Birmingham City Council have issued 103 penalty notices to parents at Grove School.

### **FAST-track to Attendance**

FAST-track to Attendance is the legal process schools use to tackle ongoing unauthorised absence. *FAST-track to Attendance* is an Early Help approach to improving pupil attendance which also seeks to act quickly where there is unauthorised absence.

School will communicate with parents if your child's attendance is a concern. Please let us know if your child's attendance and punctuality is being affected by factors in school or outside. We can help!

For further information please visit: [www.grove.bham.sch.uk/attendanceandpunctuality](http://www.grove.bham.sch.uk/attendanceandpunctuality)

Birmingham City Council have issued **3 penalty notices** to parents at Grove School since **September 2018** due to Fast-track to Attendance.

### **Punctuality**

Our school gates open at 8.30am for children to arrive into school. Children will receive a late mark if they arrive after 8.45am. School will follow their late procedures if children are continuously late to school.

**43** children have been late on more than five occasions since September 2019.

### **School Nurse**

Our school nurse, Ruth Lowe is available at Grove School fortnightly from 12.30-4.00pm on a Wednesday.

If you would like to arrange a meeting with Ruth Lowe please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange this for you.