



Attendance Newsletter

February 2020

Attendance for the whole school at the end of the spring half term is 95.5%

Our whole school target is set at 96%.

100% attendance so far.....

At the end of the half- term 160 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 silver award at the end of spring term.

Nursery Green AM	3	Nursery Green PM	1		
Nursery Yellow AM	2	Nursery Yellow PM	3	Nursery Yellow Fulltime	2
Reception Green	5	Reception Red	5	Reception Yellow	9
1 Green	5	1 Red	0	1 Yellow	9
2 Green	10	2 Red	7	2 Yellow	9
3 Green	1	3 Red	8	3 Yellow	15
4 Green	9	4 Red	12	4 Yellow	5
4 Purple	0				
5 Green	6	5 Red	6	5 Yellow	5
5 Purple	3				
6 Green	5	6 Red	3	6 Yellow	7
6 Purple	2				

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

Congratulations to year 2 and year 4, your year groups have the most children achieving 100% attendance.

We also have an additional 194 children throughout the school who have achieved 100% attendance since January 2020. These children are on target for a bronze award at the end of the spring term.

204 children have an attendance of 97-99.99% since September 2019.



Grove School

Class Attendance since September 2019

Nursery Green AM	93%	Nursery Green PM	90%		
Nursery Yellow AM	89%	Nursery Yellow PM	94%	Nursery Yellow Fulltime	94%
Reception Green	92%	Reception Red	94%	Reception Yellow	94%
1 Green	96%	1 Red	96%	1 Yellow	95%
2 Green	96%	2 Red	97%	2 Yellow	97%
3 Green	93%	3 Red	97%	3 Yellow	98%
4 Green	97%	4 Red	97%	4 Yellow	97%
4 Purple	87%				
5 Green	97%	5 Red	97%	5 Yellow	95%
5 Purple	96%				
6 Green	97%	6 Red	95%	6 Yellow	97%
6 Purple	88%				

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.



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 **113** 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

Birmingham City Council have issued **3 penalty notices** to parents at Grove School since **September 2019** 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.

101 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.