



Grove School

Attendance Newsletter

End of Summer Half Term 2019

Our attendance for the whole school at the end of the summer half term is 95.7%

We are exceeding the whole school target set at 95.25%. Well done to all our children and families who have worked so hard to achieve this.

100% attendance so far.....

At the end of the half term 107 children have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. 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 gold award at the end of summer term.

Nursery Green	1	Nursery Yellow	1		
Reception Green	4	Reception Red	3	Reception Yellow	3
1 Green	4	1 Red	2	1 Yellow	6
2 Green	2	2 Red	8	2 Yellow	7
3 Green	7	3 Red	5	3 Yellow	5
4 Green	5	4 Red	6	4 Yellow	6
5 Green	6	5 Red	2	5 Yellow	2
5 Blue	8	5 Purple	1		
6 Green	2	6 Red	4	6 Yellow	2
6 Blue	4	6 Purple	1		

2 Red & 5 Blue have the most children with 100% attendance. Well done, a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to year 5, your year group has the most children achieving 100% attendance.

We also had 176 children throughout the school who have achieved 100% attendance since January 2019. These children are on target for a silver award at the end of the summer term.

261 children have an attendance of 97-99.99% since September 2018.

In addition 442 children achieved 100% attendance during summer half term. All of these children will receive a lucky prize dip during this week attendance assemblies.



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Class Attendance since September 2018

Nursery Green	91%	Nursery Yellow	92%		
Reception Green	96%	Reception Red	95%	Reception Yellow	94%
1 Green	95%	1 Red	96%	1 Yellow	96%
2 Green	96%	2 Red	98%	2 Yellow	97%
3 Green	97%	3 Red	95%	3 Yellow	96%
4 Green	96%	4 Red	95%	4 Yellow	96%
5 Green	97%	5 Red	97%	5 Yellow	96%
5 Blue	97%	5 Purple	92%		
6 Green	97%	6 Red	97%	6 Yellow	96%
6 Blue	97%	6 Purple	98%		

Well done to 2 Red & 6 Purple who have the highest attendance so far.

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 five 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.**

Birmingham City Council have issued **39 penalty notices** to parents at Grove School since **September 2018** due to leave in term time with a high number of other penalty notices pending.

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

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

School Nurse

We are pleased to inform parents that our new school nurse, Ruth Lowe, will be joining our team from Wednesday 1st May 2019. Ruth Lowe is a Community Staff Nurse from the BCHC Plus School Nursing Team. Ruth will be working at Grove fortnightly from 12.30-4.00pm on a Wednesday.

Ruth will support school in reviewing care plans for children with medical care needs and will hold parental workshops. A key part of Ruth's role is to support school in raising attendance. We look forward to working with Ruth in the summer term.

Twenty Day Challenge

The 20 day challenge starts again on **Monday 24th June 2019**. All children who attend school every day, for the whole day, from Monday 24th June 2019 until Friday 19th July will go into a draw for a special prize. Good luck!