



Blakehill Primary School Spring1 Attendance Newsletter



100% attendance at school is extremely important to ensure all pupils achieve their full academic potential. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning.

Thank you to all of our parents for making sure that their child attends school as regularly as possible.

A reminder to parents about the procedures we follow at Blakehill if a child's attendance falls below 90%.

Attendance is monitored every 6 weeks by the Learning Mentor. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, the following will occur:

Stage 1 - a letter advising parents that their child's attendance percentage has fallen below the 90% trigger.

Stage 2 - as above but parents are asked to meet with the Learning Mentor to discuss ways of improving attendance.

Stage 3 - if there is still no improvement and your child's attendance remains below 90%, parents are asked to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Your child will be noted as a 'persistent absentee' from school.

If there is still no significant improvement in attendance and all avenues have been explored and addressed by school, a referral to an EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) will be made.

We appreciate that children fall ill from time to time and absence through illness is recorded as such.

Persistent Absentees

There are 422 children at Blakehill Primary. At the end of Autumn term 2017, 9.5% (40 pupils) were classed as 'persistent absentees.'

The national % for persistent absentees is 8.8%

Persistent absentees are pupils that miss 10% of their sessions at key points throughout the year.

Many of these pupils were in the following year groups:

- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

04/09/2017 - 02/02/2018	
RD	95.1%
RG	96.6%
1P	97.2%
1W	96.8%
2P	96.6%
2S	98%
3H	95.4%
3R	97.1%
4J	94.6%
4L	95.5%
5L	96.4%
5R	95.1%
6G	96.0%
6R	95.3%
Whole School	96.1%

The figures above show each class percentage since the beginning of September 2017. Our school target is 96% +. Well done to: RG, 1P, 1W, 2P, 2S, 3R, 5L, 6G.

Half Term dates:

CLOSE Friday 9 February 2018 3:15pm

OPEN Monday 19 February 2018 3:45am