

# HUNNYHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Attendance Newsletter

### November 2018



**Whole School Attendance target for 2018/19 is 96.00%**

**We are currently running at 95.66%**

Welcome to the second Attendance Newsletter at Hunnyhill Primary School. We aim to produce these each half term because regular, punctual attendance in school really does matter.

If you came along to the recent Parents Meetings, you will have received your child's attendance % for the year to date. Have a look at the scaling below to see how good their individual attendance is on a % basis.

100% Outstanding
97% + Good
92 - 96.9% Could Do Better
Below 92% Poor
Below 90% Persistent Absentee

#### REQUESTS FOR LEAVE

##### Years R - 6

In line with Legislation, Hunnyhill Primary **does not authorise any holiday during term time**.

Unauthorised absence referred to the LA may result in a Truancy Penalty Notice (TPN) being issued **OR** Prosecution under Section 444 Education Act for failure to secure regular attendance at school.

Regrettably we have made **13 referrals** to the LA for legal action to be taken in relation to Holidays in term-time so far this year (September to date).

We've also sadly had more than one instance where a child has returned from a family holiday and has been asked by their grown-up to lie and say they were unwell. Unfortunately the children are often so excited to tell their friends about their time away that they 'let it slip' and then get very distressed that they will be in trouble with their grown up when they get home. Please don't put your child or us in this unnecessary position.

## ATTEND, ACHIEVE, SUCCEED

Thank you to all of the families who support us in helping to raise school attendance.

Children only have one chance in school and every minute counts.

If you need any support of further clarification in securing regular, punctual attendance, please come and speak to us and we will do our best to help you.



**IS YOUR CHILD SICK OR ABSENT?**

**PLEASE TELEPHONE 01983 522506**

**EVERYDAY BEFORE 9:15am TO KEEP US INFORMED**

## AUTUMN TERM FIGURES

Here are the ATTENDANCE FIGURES to date broken down by year group:

Year Group	% Attendance (September to date)
Year R	94.29%
Year 1	95.11%
Year 2	97.77%
Year 3	95.44%
Year 4	96.58%
Year 5	95.49%
Year 6	94.44%

We have a target of 96.00% attendance for the whole school and we are currently below this target. The Local Authority Education Welfare Service work with us by visiting the school every 2-3 weeks to discuss areas of concern and actions which need to be taken to support families.

The Education Welfare Service also undertake unannounced late sweeps periodically as we continue to have a number of persistent late arrivals each day.

Here are the PUNCTUALITY FIGURES to date broken down by year group:

Year Group	Number of pupils late	Number of late arrivals	Total learning time lost due to late arrival
Year R	9	38	6 hours 35 minutes
Year 1	9	36	8 hours 16 minutes
Year 2	5	16	1 hour 59 minutes
Year 3	8	37	11 hours 58 minutes
Year 4	9	22	3 hours 18 minutes
Year 5	14	46	8 hours 6 minutes
Year 6	14	55	17 hours 43 minutes

This means that a staggering 57 hours and 53 minutes of learning time for these children has already been lost since September. As you can see, "it's only a couple of minutes" on a regular basis builds up very quickly and has an impact not only on the children who arrive late, but also on their classmates whose learning is disrupted when they arrive in class.

**Being on time is a good thing!**

- \* It gets the day off to a good start
- \* It helps your child make the most of their learning
- \* It sets positive patterns for the future
- \* It helps children develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and others
- \* It helps your child to make and keep friends
- \* It improves self confidence

**Being late is a bad thing!**

- \* It gets the day off to a bad start
- \* It can be embarrassing
- \* It may damage your child's confidence
- \* It may lead to children being confused and they may have missed vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day
- \* It disrupts the learning for everyone
- \* It can create a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future
- \* It can lead to poor overall attendance - where a child is regularly late for school, they can start to stay away from school more frequently.

**THERE IS A CLEAR LINK BETWEEN ATTENDANCE AND ATTAINMENT; THE MORE TIME A PUPIL SPENDS IN SCHOOL THE MORE LIKELY THEY ARE TO IMPROVE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO FULFIL THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.**