



BRAMPTON CORTONWOOD INFANTS & BRAMPTON 'THE ELLIS' PRIMARY FEDERATION

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a Federation, we are currently striving to improve our level of attendance. Educational research undertaken on attendance clearly states that good school attendance has a positive impact on the academic achievement of pupils. An excellent record of attendance is therefore essential for children to make the best progress in their academic, social and emotional development

The law on school attendance and right to a full-time education

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

Taken from 'Working together to improve school attendance', DfE, September 2022

Our Approach

Our JMAT Attendance Policy contains information and expectations linked to our school and it can be found on our school website. JMAT Schools in our local area will be following the same approach to attendance in order to tightly monitor attendance rates and provide support to ensure that children are achieving at least 96% attendance across the school year.





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Each half term, you will be informed of your child's attendance via email. If your child's attendance drops below 92%, you will be invited in to school for a meeting to discuss ways in which we can work together to improve it.

JMAT schools are encouraged to follow the Rotherham Pathway for attendance, should increasing concerns arise and failure to improve your child's attendance, over a set period of 12 weeks, may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice. More information about the procedural process of this can, again, be found in the Attendance Policy on our website.

Holidays

Our policy states:

The Headteacher is unable to authorise holidays during term-time.

The Headteacher is only allowed to grant a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. Applications will be made in advance and the Headteacher will be satisfied by the evidence which is presented, before authorising term-time leave.

The Headteacher will determine the amount of time a pupil can be away from school during term time. Any leave of absence is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Attendance Rewards

As Federation schools we will be reintroducing weekly whole-class certificates for the class(es) that have the highest attendance each week to encourage our children to have a shared accountability in ensuring they have good attendance. Our aim is that all our children know about our school target (96%) and try hard to achieve this.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding around this important matter and if you have any further queries please contact the school office (Cortonwood, 01226 340044 / Ellis 01709 760370).

Yours sincerely,

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Federation Headteacher

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