



“Ensuring every child succeeds and THRIVES becoming a life-long learner, prepared for the world of tomorrow”

At Beckingham Primary School we work hard to ensure that our children have access to the best teaching, learning and nurturing environment that we can offer. If children are not at school, we cannot give them these opportunities.

The Government continues to be focused on schools whose attendance is below 95% and expect schools to report on absence – individual and whole school. The Government has set high standards for attendance. We understand that your child may be ill or you may have difficulty getting your child to school, but we are here to support you and your child.

Expectations of Parents and School

School have robust systems in place, which are continually reviewed to ensure we are following guidance given to provide a safe environment for all of the children and adults in school.

We expect a child's absence or lateness to be reported to school before 8.55am, this will be recorded on your child's attendance record.

Any child/ren that are not in school and with no prior contact from parents/carers advising us of their absence and once we have exhausted our procedures, the school staff will complete a safe and wellness check to the child's home address.

We expect that all children attend school on time, any child/ren registered after 9.00am will be recorded as late.

Termly attendance data is monitored and school will inform you on your child/ren's attendance percentage three times per year.

Gold	Your child's attendance is 98% or higher - having less than 4 days absence in a whole academic year . As well as being an excellent attender, your child has every chance of achieving to the best of their ability.
Silver	Your child's attendance is between 96% and 98% - this is less than 10 days absence over the academic year . Your child has the potential to achieve to the best of their ability.
Bronze	Your child's attendance is between 90% and 95% - potentially missing up to 20 school days in a whole academic year . School will continue to monitor your child's attendance. Further extended absence may make it difficult for your child to achieve their best.
Red	If your child's attendance is below 90%, it is classed as Persistent Absence and may be referred to the Education Welfare Service. It is possible that continued absence at this level over the school year could result in legal proceedings and financial penalty. Your child is missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to make up the learning they have lost.

As a school we understand that children fall ill or have medical appointments and this cannot be helped. We would advise that children with illnesses that need to be cared for do receive that care at home.

How Will We Keep Parents Informed?

- First day call, if a child is not in school and we have no reason or you have made no contact for absence, we will call you before 9.30am. If necessary, we will carry out a safe and well visit if we have had no contact from parents/carers by 10am.
- Individual communications from the Attendance team to parents and children whose attendance is 95% and below.
- Individual communications from the Attendance team to parents and children who are regularly late for school.
- Individual communications from the Attendance team to parents to let them know if attendance has improved.
- Communication from the Attendance team to individual children whose attendance has improved.

Working Together to Improve Attendance

It is so important for school and parents to work together to ensure all children are attending school as many days as possible. We are available to talk to you about attendance concerns, and support you in getting your child/ren to school on time. Please call the school for information and advice on 01427 848230 or email us at office@beckingham.notts.sch.uk