



ATTENDANCE

December
2024

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Why is good attendance and punctuality important?

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people.

- Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.
- Pupils with regular attendance make better progress, both socially and academically.
- Pupils with regular attendance find school routines and school work easier to cope with.
- Pupils with regular attendance have an easier transfer to secondary school having developed positive habits in attending school every day.

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- It is hard for children to catch up on work missed. This quickly affects their learning and leaves gaps in their understanding.
- It gets in the way of building strong, positive friendships.
- Children miss out on the structures and routines of school which are important practice for adult life.
- Ultimately it affects exam results, and this means they have less choices about further education and careers.

To send or not to send?

From time to time your child will wake up in the morning saying that they feel unwell. Whilst we do encourage children to come to school even if they 'feel a little unwell' we do not want any child who is genuinely ill to come to school. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather' for example with a runny nose, headache, tummy ache. We will always contact you if your child becomes too unwell.

HOWEVER, please do not send your child to school if they have any infectious illnesses like chicken pox, measles etc. If your child has been vomiting or is suffering from diarrhoea then they must stay away from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to ensure that any infection does not spread through the school.

Below are a list of unacceptable reasons for absence

A cough	Common Cold	Birthday treat	Tiredness	Meeting relatives
Sibling unwell	New baby	Mum/Dad unwell	Holidays	A long weekend away
Not being able to bring your child to school				

We do ask for more information other than just 'unwell'.



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Our Christmas Attendance Challenge!

At Belmont Community Primary School we believe that good attendance is crucial to children attaining well, making good progress and reaching their potential. The vast majority of parents/carers bring their child/children to school regularly, and on time. Thank you.

It is vital that your child attends school regularly and arrives at school on time each day. The Government's expectation is that all children should have an attendance figure of 95 - 97% - we are committed to work with you to achieve this.



Countdown to Christmas Attendance Challenge.

The challenge started on Wednesday 11th December and finishes on Thursday 19th December. Children will have a reset in attendance, all children need to do to take part is attend 100% of the time for the period of 7 days. All children who complete the **Countdown to Christmas Attendance Challenge** will receive a special certificate and sticker in the New Year.

Our current whole school attendance since September 2024 is 95.09% and we are determined to improve it further.

Mr Allsopp will soon be announcing the Class Attendance Winner for the Autumn Term, as well as 2nd and 3rd places.

Keep up the great attendance everyone, let's all work together to be **HEROs**.



90% and below
Dramatic effect on
academic achievement

91% - 94%
Cause for concern

95% - 100%
Expected

As we start a new year and new academic term, children and young people are encouraged to make 100% school attendance their New Year's resolution.



Aim to be in school every day and make every day count.