



At Woodgate Primary School, we know that good attendance is one of the biggest factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day in school counts, helping children build friendships, develop confidence and make the most of their learning opportunities.

Whole School Attendance

We are delighted to report that our current whole-school attendance is 95.4%. This is a positive figure and reflects the commitment of our families in ensuring children attend school regularly. Thank you for your continued support.

Class Attendance – so far this year

Class	Attendance
1B	95.6%
1S	90.5%
2M	93.4%
2T	97.0%
3SW	96.2%
3W	91.7%
4A	97.7%
4S	96.5%
5A	95.4%
5J	97.4%
6D	98.2%
6W	96.2%
RH	96.0%
RT	95.4%
Gruffalo	90.3%

🏆 Attendance Champions: 6D achieved the highest attendance with 98.2%. Well done!

Why Every Day Counts

Missing just one day of school every two weeks results in attendance below 90%. Children with attendance below 90% are classed as Persistently Absent and can miss a significant amount of learning over the course of the year.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, please telephone the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence and provide a reason for the absence. Illness and medical appointments will be authorized. To avoid long waits for a doctor's appointment please remember that the pharmacist can offer treatment advice for some illnesses.

Important Reminder About Penalty Notices

Parents are reminded that where children accumulate 5 days of unauthorised absence, the government, via the school and local authority, may issue a penalty notice (fine). To prevent absences being recorded as unauthorised, please contact the school whenever your child is absent. Holidays will not be authorised and will count towards a penalty notice.

We are required to let you know of the penalty notices that have been issued. These are the penalty notices issued already this year:

- 3 families issued with a penalty notice of £80 (1 parent, 1 child)
- 1 family issued with a penalty notice of £160 (1 parent, 2 children)
- 6 families issued with a penalty notice of £160 (2 parents, 1 child)
- 1 family issued with a penalty notice of £320 (2 parents, 2 children)
- 1 family have been referred straight to court (after receiving previous penalty notices)

Being on Time Matters Too!

Good attendance is not just about coming to school every day, it is also about arriving on time. The school day starts promptly, and important learning takes place from the moment children enter the classroom. Children who arrive late can miss key instructions, morning activities and opportunities to settle into the day with their classmates. Frequent lateness can quickly add up. Just 10 minutes late each day amounts to over 30 hours of lost learning across a school year. We kindly ask all families to help children arrive at school on time each day so they are ready to learn, succeed and make the most of every school day. Any child who arrives on time every day for a week earns a HERO point (Here Everyday Ready Ontime). These can be exchanged for prizes. The higher the points the better the prize.

Lost Learning Adds Up!

- 5 minutes late every day** = More than **3 days** of lost learning each year
- 10 minutes late every day** = More than **6 days** of lost learning each year
- 15 minutes late every day** = More than **9 days** of lost learning each year
- 30 minutes late every day** = More than **18 days** of lost learning each year

Working Together

By working together, we can ensure every child has the opportunity to be happy, hardworking and successful through excellent attendance.

Thank you for your continued support. Every day counts!

If you have any queries about attendance, please contact Mrs Williams on 0121 464 2315 or at attendance@woodgate.bham.sch.uk