



Elsecar Holy Trinity Primary CofE Primary Academy

# ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

(2023/2024)



At the beginning of each term, we will be sharing our whole school attendance levels with parents and carers and any news or developments around attendance at both a local and national level. I hope you will find this information helpful and if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Brookes or myself.

## Attendance Last Term:

Whole School Attendance – **93.7%**  
National Comparison- **94.9%**  
Unauthorised School Absence – **2.5%**  
National comparison – **1.4%**



**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS.**  
**ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

**END OF YEAR TARGET – 96.5%**

## Important information:



### Fixed Penalty Notices.

From January BMBC will be following other local authorities in South Yorkshire by issuing fixed penalty notices to both parents when children are taken out of school for holidays. For a family of 4 this will see the fine increase to £240!

### Return to school meeting.

After discussions with the local authority, we have been advised to invite parents and carers into school for a 'return to school' meeting when children have been taken out of school for a family holiday. Mrs Brookes will contact parents and carers directly to arrange these meetings. This will allow us to discuss the learning that has been missed and if any additional work is required at home to ensure children catchup.

### Removal of 100% target for children.

For many years there has been an unrealistic expectation that children should have an attendance of 100%. This puts too much pressure on children and always results in some children being disappointment if they have had to miss a single day of school due to illness. Therefore, at the end of the year we will be issuing certificates and prizes to all children with an attendance above **96.5%**.

### Attendance Letters.

At the end of every half term, we will be issuing attendance letters to all parents and carers. Where we have concerns around a child's attendance, we may ask you to come into school for a meeting.

### Arbor

Remember you can track your child's attendance via Arbor. If you need any helping with this app, please contact the school office.

95%	=	<b>40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 days
85%	=	<b>120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**WHAT DO YOUR  
ATTENDANCE FIGURES  
ACTUALLY MEAN?**

**BE SMART BE THERE!**  
Percentages based on 190 academic days