

Attendance Matters

May Edition

Little Bloxwich CE Primary School
All things are possible with God Matthew
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Hello and welcome to the first issue of the Attendance Matters Newsletter. As part of our attendance strategy to improve and promote attendance we have launched an Attendance Newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to:

- Continue to raise awareness of the importance of good attendance
- Inform parents/carers of the schools policies and procedures
- Inform parents/carers of the schools current attendance figure
- Provide helpful tips on getting your child to school on time
- Promote the rewards for pupils who attend every day and on time

This newsletter will be issued monthly to all parents - We hope you will find this helpful and informative.

School Hours

Gate opens: 8.50am

Gate closes: 9.00am

**Registers close at
9.00am**

End of Day:

KS1 – 3.20pm

KS2 – 3.30pm



April Attendance

Reception - 96.01%

Year 1 - 95.10%

Year 2 - 96.86%

Year 3 - 93.46%

Year 4 - 94.58%

Year 5 - 93.87%

Year 6 - 95.01%

Well done to Year 2!!



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Attendance Target

Our target is 96% but we are a long way off reaching our target. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and judgements on how well a school is doing is partially based on whole school attendance. The national average is 96.7%. We need your help to improve attendance for our school which currently at 93.7%. You can help by coming to school every day and on time.



HOLIDAYS ARE FINE – JUST NOT IN TERM TIME!

Parents/carers do not have a right to take their children out of school during term time and may be fined for taking holidays without the school's consent. A local authority officer may issue a Penalty Notice to you if 5 days or more have been taken.

Penalty Notices are issued separately to EACH individual parent/carer of each individually named child. (i.e. one Penalty Notice per parent per child)
ALL Penalty Notices need to be paid.

A penalty notice costs **£60.00** per parent, per child. For example:

- a single parent with one absent child: **£60.00**
- a single parent with two absent children: **£120.00**
- two parents with one absent child: **£120.00**
- two parents with two absent children: **£240.00**

After 21 days, this increases to £120.00 per parent, per child.

If you haven't paid after 28 days, your case may be referred to court.

From September 2024 fines are rising to £80 per parent, per child. If a second holiday is taken, this will be £160 per parent, per child.

Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school by 9am if their child is absent. A reason must be provided