

# Attendance Newsletter



**THE BAIRD  
PRIMARY  
ACADEMY**

TERM 4 – 27th March, 2017

**Make sure that your child is in school every day, with no late-starts and no early pick-ups to ensure that they participate in our 100% attendance termly treat!**

## ATTENDANCE FACTS

**All parents are responsible, by law, to ensure that their child regularly attends school. Unless your child is unwell, they should be in school EVERY DAY.**

- The national average for a child's attendance in 2016 was 95.9%
- Our current average attendance is **92.5%**.
- There are **51** children in the Academy who currently have **100% attendance**.
- There are **92** children who currently have **less than 90% attendance**. This means that they have already had more than 2 weeks off since September. These children are classed as 'Persistent Absentees' by Ofsted and parents are at risk of being fined.
- Parents of children who have 10 unauthorised absences in a 6 week period can, and will, be fined - £60 per child per parent.
- Parents of children who are regularly late can also be fined.
- **The class with the highest level of attendance per week will be rewarded!**

**If your child does not want to come to school because of a problem, it is important that you bring them in as usual and talk to either their class teacher or another member of staff. If they do not come in and report their problem, we cannot resolve it and their absence cannot be authorised.**

The following absences cannot be authorised:

- Absence for children with attendance below 90%, without medical evidence
- Absence for a birthday or family celebration.
- Absence for holidays in term-time.
- Absence because of a parent illness.
- Absence because a sibling is off school.

### IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL

Please contact the academy office before 10am on the first day of the absence.



For the absence to be authorised please make sure that you provide a letter with the reason and any medical evidence on your child's return to school.



### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a hospital or emergency medical appointment, these will only be authorised if a letter or appointment card is shown at the office.

Please make sure that, where possible, any medical appointments are made out of school hours. Doctors, dentists and opticians can usually accommodate this.

If your child has an appointment during the day, where possible, they should register at school beforehand and return after the appointment. Most appointments will only be authorised for half a day.

### REMEMBER

School starts at 8.50am.  
Set your alarm so that your child is not late.  
There are no excuses for constant lateness.

