Attendance Matters! Newsletter Oct 2026

Welcome to our attendance newsletter. Each half term we will be updating you on school attendance and which year groups and classes are working hard to help school achieve their target. We will also share tips and information with you around illness and punctuality.



In Autumn 1, **114** children were late on one or more occasion.

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time as learning starts straight away.

The gate will be closed at 9.05am and children will need to be signed in at the office after this time.
If your child arrives after 9.30am, this will be recorded as unauthorized.

Well done to our stars for attendance for Autumn 1 - Year 3 were the year group with the highest attendance and Class Slaney/Yazigi was the stand out class.

In total, four classes had attendance over 95%! Well done!

Our aim is for all children to achieve 95%+ attendance. Keep trying to come to school on time every day!

Autumn 1 Attendance

F1	89.63%
F2	90.79%
Y1	94.7%
Y2	93.02%
Y3	95.67%
Y4	92.13%
Y5	95.07%
Y6	92.16%

Attendance Officer: Mrs Tideswell

Class	Hobster	Belton	Post/Hal	Uppal	Gibbs	Rushton	Cunliffe	Slan/Yaz	Hannam	Gent	Kendall	Beeby	Romeo	Brown/Braz	Class
%	89.63%	91.35%	90.23%	97.02%	93.02%	92.04%	93.1%	98.24%	88.85%	95.73%	96.88%	93.44%	90.17%	94.43%	%

Good Attendance at Hempshill Hall

Hempshill Hall Primary School follows the Nottingham City attendance protocol. All pupils are expected to achieve at least 96% (or above) attendance over an academic year. The DFE (Department for Education) now class any child with less than 90% attendance as a persistent absentee (19 school days).

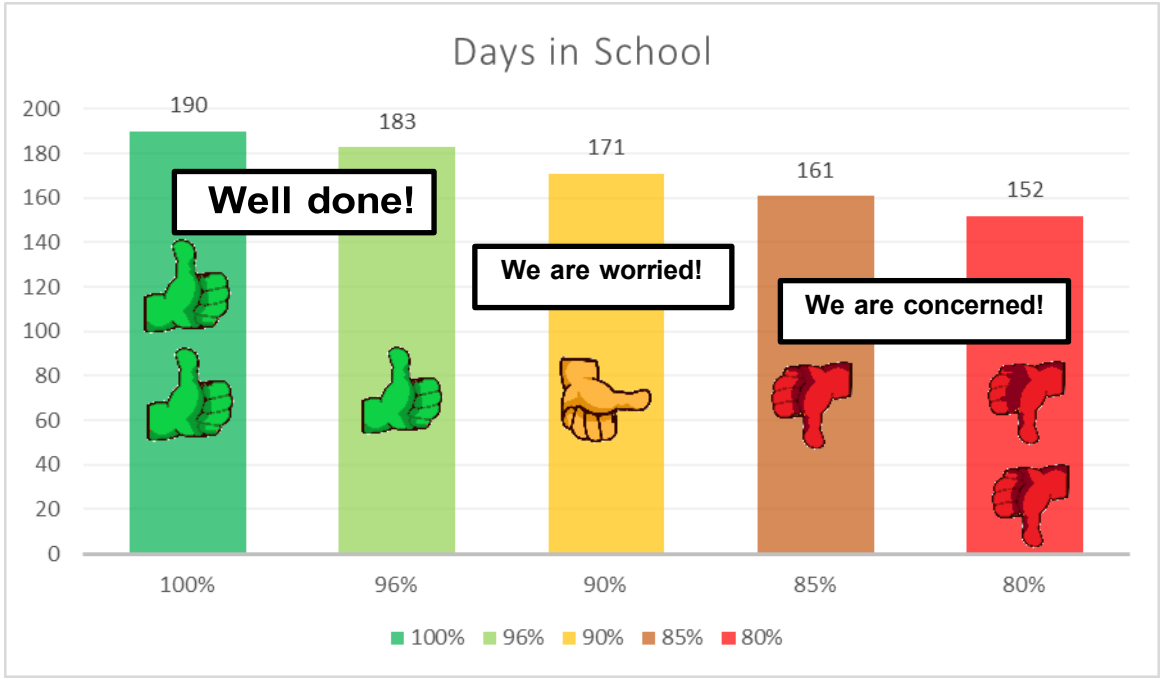
In order to achieve 96%+ attendance - a child can not have more than 8 days off school in an academic year.

If a child's attendance is below 90% during an academic school year; and if 10% or more is unauthorised - school are required to make a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

Ensuring that children receive full-time education is a legal requirement for all parents. Getting them to school regularly and on time will help them fulfil their potential.

It will help your child to be happy and successful and high achievement in school is linked to good attendance.

It is important to be in school each day, on time, to ensure no learning is missed.



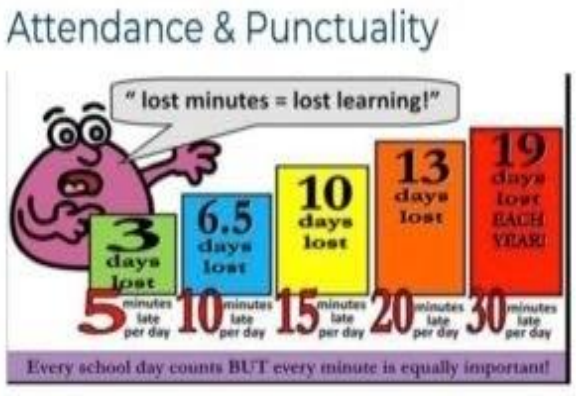
Good attendance gives you the best chance for success!

Poor attendance gives you the less chance for success!

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances!







Illness & Absence

On occasions, your child might feel unwell and it can be challenging to know if your child can attend school or should stay at home. Please use the following guide to help decide.

Always remember to inform school on the first day of absence and every other day after this to update us about when your child should be returning to school. This can be done via telephone call, email or Parent Pay.



When to come to school

Please send your child to school if they have any of the following:

- Sore throat
- Cold
- Cough
- Feeling tired
- Hay fever
- Achy or sore limbs

Children can still take part in learning even if experiencing the above. Please give them medicine at the start of the day if needed. Always ensure your child has a water bottle and tissues.

We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day. If you complete a medical form, we are happy to administer medication and pain relief.



When to come to school - but inform us

Please send your child to school but inform us if they have any of the following:

- Headache
- Feeling sick
- Stomach ache
- Ear ache
- Toothache
- Experiencing feelings of anxiety
- Twisted, sprained or broken limbs

Children can still take part in learning even if experiencing the above. Please give them medicine at the start of the day if needed. We have highly skilled staff in school that can support children with anxiety and would rather support from the start so the feelings don't 'snowball' into something bigger. Adaptations and risk assessments will be put in place for broken limbs.



When to stay at home

Unfortunately, there are some occasions when your child will be too unwell to attend school. Please keep your child at home if experiencing any of the following:

- Temperature over 38*
- Sickness and diarrhoea
- Contagious illness (chicken pox, impetigo, measles)
- Operations / medical treatments

Medical evidence should be provided to school to ensure the absence is authorised.
You must inform the school office if your child is unable to attend school on the first day of absence and every other day following this. Please inform us first thing in the morning if your child is not going to be in school.

Guide to Childhood Illness



Rashes & Skin Infections

Chicken Pox *	Keep off school until the spots have crusted over
Cold Sores	No exclusion period from school
German Measles *	Keep off school for **4 days** from onset of rash
Hand, Foot & Mouth	No exclusion period from school
Impetigo	Keep off school until lesions are crusted or **48 hours** after antibiotic treatment
Measles *	Keep off school for **4 days** from onset of rash
Ringworm	No exclusion period from school
Scarlet Fever	Keep off school until **24 hours** after antibiotic treatment
Slapped Cheek *	No exclusion period from school as rash appears after the infection has passed
Warts & Verrucae	No exclusion period from school



*** If your child has one of these infections, please notify school staff as soon as possible as these infections can pose a great risk to female staff or parents and carers who are pregnant.**

For latest Covid-19 guidance, please refer to the government guidelines.



Diarrhoea & Vomiting

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting.	Keep off school for **24 hours** from the last episode of vomiting or **48 hours** for cases of diarrhoea.
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Respiratory Infections

Whooping Cough *	Keep off school until **48 hours** after antibiotic treatment

Other Infections

Conjunctivitis	No exclusion period from school
Glandular Fever	No exclusion period from school
Head lice **	No exclusion period from school
Mumps	Keep off for **5 days** from onset of swelling
Threadworm	No exclusion period from school
Tonsillitis	No exclusion period from school

**** Please inform your child's class teacher if you have had to treat your child for head lice.**