



Toll Bar Primary School

Attendance Update

January 2024

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone back after the Christmas break.

During the first school term we have been working hard on improving our attendance and with the help and support of all our parents and pupils, we have managed to reach 93.2%. Our target attendance for July 2024 is to reach at least 96% so we do have a little way to go. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child(ren) come to school regularly and on time in the upcoming terms in order to help us reach our goal.

The government has launched a new national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance which you will be seeing advertised on tv, social media and hearing about it on the radio.

From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts so please ensure your child attends school regularly.

We regularly remind you of the importance of good punctuality and attendance and the negative impact that poor attendance has on your child's educational attainment and social and emotional development. In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

Attendance is important for more than just attainment – regular school attendance can help children build positive friendships which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold like symptoms such as a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Please refer to the following link for further information <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Should you have any attendance concerns or queries, please contact us.

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<https://tollbar.doncaster.sch.uk>

