



ATTENDANCE UPDATE - Spring Term 2024

Good attendance is key to your child being able to fulfil their potential and make good progress in school. Poor attendance impacts significantly on progress, learning, friendship groups and the child's overall happiness at school. One of the most important ways a parent can support the education of their child and their child's social, emotional, and academic development is to ensure they attend school every day and on time.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?

Perfect!	100%	On average a student with 100% attendance achieves 8 or more GCSEs
Very Good	97%	Even if your attendance is 97% you have still had 6 school days off a year
Good	95%	9 school days off a year means you are down to 95% attendance Your chances of success at GCSE are reduced!
Needs improving	90%	You might think 90% attendance sounds ok, but you have missed over three and a half weeks of school
Danger zone	< 90%	Less than 90% attendance means you have been off for 1 month or more Your chances of success at GCSE have been massively reduced!

The expected level of school attendance at Beechwood Junior School is 97%. We believe that by identifying poor attendance and issues affecting attendance early as well as working in partnership with parents, we can significantly improve attendance and prevent a child becoming a persistent absentee and therefore involvement with the Local Authority. If you are having difficulties with your child's attendance, please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can work together to resolve the issue.

Our School Attendance since Tuesday 5th September 2023 (95 days)

We have had **399** late arrivals to school.

149 of these were after the registers closed!



194 days have been missed due to unauthorised holidays



105 sessions have been missed due to medical appointments



949 days have been missed due to illness



We understand that sometimes children get poorly, but it is really important to decide if they really do need to be off school. Most minor illness e.g. coughs and sore throats, do not require them to be off. It is really important to inform the school if your child is ill.

If your child is unwell and you are unsure of whether to send them in to school a useful site to check is <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please make **ROUTINE** doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours or during holidays wherever possible.

Our class attendance data as at 8th February 2024:

Class	Attendance percentage	Lates before register closed	Lates after register closed
3CC	94.67%	49	27
3HC	96.30%	25	9
3J	95.86%	37	17
4K	94.93%	9	6
4R	94.08%	25	8
4S	95.93%	8	3
5B	95.48%	15	19
5G	96.73%	19	8
5M	94.48%	18	7
6P	94.63%	34	35
6T	93.84%	0	2
6W	95.33%	11	8

As you can see we have a significant number of late arrivals in school, including a large number of late marks after registers have closed which has an impact on overall attendance.

Punctuality Matters too!



Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!

The school doors open at 8.40am and registration commences at 8.45am. If your child arrives after 8.50a.m. they will need to sign in at the school office and will receive a late mark. If they arrive after 9.10am, they will receive a U code (unauthorised absence), which means they do not receive a mark for the morning session.

Punctuality is very important and late arrivals are recorded and monitored with similar follow up activities for children with poor attendance. If your child arrives at school late, they must report to the school office to be added to the register.

If your child is late 10 minutes a day - surely that won't matter or affect my child..

Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1hour 40minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

How can parents and carers help?

- Make sure that your child goes to school regularly and arrives on time. By doing this you will establish a good habit that your child will carry through life.
- If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by 9.00am on the first morning of absence and each morning thereafter. Parents and carers can leave a voicemail message at any time. Please remember to state your child's full name and the reason for absence, including the type of illness if they are unwell, when leaving a message. You can also report absences by emailing info@beechwoodjuniorschool.co.uk or via the MCAS app.
- Not taking holidays in term-time.
- Not making routine appointments during term time.
- Talk to us if your child is having difficulties coming to school.
- Take an interest in your child's schoolwork and be involved in the school as much as possible. Your child will value school more if you do.

Thank you for your support.