



BROOM VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
We dare to dream big

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Broom Valley's first attendance newsletter. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful, not only in school, but in all areas of life.



Percy



Polly

We will be welcoming two new members to our Inclusion Team – Percy and Polly who are 'The Early Birds'. Percy and Polly will be greeting the children in the second week of each half term. Your child will receive a bookmark to collect stamps from Percy and Polly each day they arrive at school on time. Children who receive 5 stamps will be entered into a prize draw to win a £20 Meadowhall voucher. There will be a voucher for F2/KS1 and another for KS2. Attendance and punctuality week will be Monday 15th January to Friday 19th January. Make sure your child arrives on time to receive their stamp. Thank you for your continued support
The Inclusion Team

Lateness

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year. Lateness is just as serious as non-attendance. The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for their learning. We start teaching at 8.55am and 'late' children miss out on vital skills such as phonics and/or basic number work.

Attendance at Broom Valley

Our attendance target for 2016/7 was 96%. The end of year attendance was 95.4% which we are hugely proud of. Our target for this year is 96% or above. Please support us to reach our target. Children who have 100% attendance for a term receive a reward during attendance week the following term. Children who have 100% attendance for the year receive £10.

Illness



We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. However, it is very important to inform us on the **first** day of absence with the reason either by phone (828636) or in person at the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS



The reward for 100% attendance for the autumn term is a cinema afternoon in school. You will be notified if your child has won this award.

Did You Know...?

Days absent by the end of the year	Equal to absence percentage	Overall attendance percentage by the end of the year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

- For every day of school missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%.
- Ten whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance.
- Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupil's attendance is 90%.
- By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance) they have missed 6 weeks or half a term of schooling.

Inclusion Team: Kim Reaney (Assistant Head for Inclusion) Sarah Addis (Pupil Engagement Worker) Matt Smith (Pupil Engagement Worker) Ilona Critchley (EAL Learning Support Assistant) Sarah Barrow (Assistant SENDCo) Anna Wilson (Attendance /Admin officer)