

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Brocklewood Primary School



Summer Term 2023



It is lovely to see you all back in school, we hope you enjoyed your break over Easter and are ready for the new term. With the lighter mornings it definitely makes getting up in the morning feel easier and hopefully it won't be long until we get some warmer weather too!



Illnesses



There have been a few cases of chicken pox and conjunctivitis in school recently. If your child has chicken pox please keep them off school until they have completely scabbed over.

Although we highly encourage you to bring your child in even when slightly unwell, we still have to follow the latest NHS guidance.

Please follow steps below to support this;

- 1 *If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until the fever has resolved.*
- 2 *If your child has diarrhoea and/or sickness, they should stay off school for 24 hours after their symptoms clear up.*

Celebrations

Our overall school attendance is currently **92.57%**. The class with the best attendance for Spring term is **3/4F at 95.13%**! Well done and keep it up!

Keep looking out for our Attendance Superstar Postcards that will be given out each Friday in our postcard assembly, the children are really enjoying receiving the postcards each Friday!

Our 'Fun Fridays' have been really successful so far this year, these will continue throughout the year, keep an eye out on class dojo for any coming up!



We launched our '10 day attendance challenge' at the end of last term. The children loved this and we saw a big improvement in their attendance. The award for this was a 'Pizza Party' with Miss Bell. 20 children with 100% attendance for the 10 days got picked out of a hat to eat pizza, listen to music and played games! Look out for the next challenge starting on 15th May 2023.

Holidays in Term Time



Please continue to support us by bringing your child into school and taking holidays out of term time. As you are aware, school cannot grant any leave of absence during term time unless it is an exceptional circumstance. Brocklewood has the right to refuse any request for leave of absence and if your child fails to attend during the dates stated on the application form, they will incur a 'G' registration mark which is an unauthorised absence.

Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent per child. They are £60 if paid within 21 days rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but before 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid then the Local Authority may instigate legal proceedings against you under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. If found guilty of this offence you could be fined up to £1000.



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Why do children need to come to school?

- Regular attendance at school gives your child the best possible start in life and prepares them for the future.
- Children that attend school regularly find school routines, school work and friendships easier to maintain.
- Children that attend school regularly make better progress, both socially and academically.

Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much but this is how it is..

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Preparing your nursery child for school in September

If you have a child in nursery hopefully you will have received an offer for them for a place here at school. Please make sure you accept this offer with the council so that their place is confirmed. If you need any help with this please phone the school office or send Mrs Hunter a message on class dojo.

Bringing your child to nursery every day on time is just as important now as it will be in September. If you would like to talk more about this Mrs Hunter (EYFS Lead) and Miss Bell are always available to speak to and happy to help ensure all children feel happy and safe coming to school. You can contact Miss Bell or Mrs Hunter by class dojo, phoning the school, emailing via admin@brocklewood.nottingham.sch.uk or popping in to the school reception.

Educational Welfare

Our allocated Educational Welfare Officer, Dawn is successfully working alongside Miss Bell to improve children's attendance. Dawn works closely with our families conducting home visits and parent / carer meetings.

Reporting an Absence

Parents / Carers must inform the school office before 9am, if your child is going to be absent from school.

You can do this by phoning the school on 0115 9153272 and pressing option 1, if you need further help or support getting your child in to school then please press option 2 to speak with Miss Bell our Attendance Officer.

School Times

Please see below the school drop off and collection times for your child.

	Drop Off	Collection
Nursery am	8:45am	11:45am
Nursery pm	12:25pm	3:25pm
F2	8:45am	3:15pm
Year 1 & 2		
Year 3 & 4		
Year 5 & 6		

A gentle reminder about arriving late at school. If a child arrives at school later than 9:30am, they receive an unauthorised late code. This has the same impact on their attendance as being off school. Miss Bell is monitoring this and may invite you into school to discuss this.

