



Attendance Newsletter

February 2023

Every day counts. School success starts with great attendance.

Current Whole School Attendance

Whole School
attendance Sept -
Now

94.19%

A message from Mrs Boulton

February Half term break next week means we are now half way through the school year and Spring is definitely upon us!

This half term since coming back after Christmas (Spring term 1) has seen a real increase in school attendance and is currently at **96.35%** which is much improved on the last half term before the Christmas break. We aim

for above 95% on attendance so this figure is excellent!

You may have seen I have been Tweeting our weekly figures each week to the School Twitter account, @HBJSCH63, including which year group has the best attendance that week!



Sickness

We understand that all children from time to time are too poorly to come to school, and some illnesses may mean they need to be off for more than 1 day. We do ask that each day your child is absent that you let school know, either by phone, email or Parentmail. If we do not hear from you we will contact all the numbers we have for the child, and in some cases we may need to do a home visit.

As soon as your child is well enough they should return to school. We have plenty of tissues for runny noses and coughs should they still need them, and we are able to administer anti biotic if needed (paperwork to be completed for this via the school office)

Punctuality

You may (or hopefully may not!) have noticed I now take over on the gate from Mrs Calveley at 9am. This is to let in the children who have arrived late to school, and to ask parents to sign them in, giving reasons for why they are late.

A few minutes each day may not seem like much but it can quickly add up to hours of learning missed over a term. Teachers start lessons straight away at 9am so it important that your child is in and settled ready to start on time.

Does your child walk to school alone? Please make sure they leave on time and are making it in before the gate closes!

DID YOU KNOW?

"But 89% attendance surely is good?" Actually anything below 90% is classed as a persistent absentee and over a school year equates to 20 days of school missed.