

Attendance News

Spring Term (1) 2023

Attend today, achieve tomorrow



I am Mrs Simpson and I am the Assistant Head Teacher at Epina y School. One of my roles in the school is lead for Behaviour and Attendance. As part of my role, I lead the Attendance Team.

The rest of the team are:

Ronice Jopling, Multi Agency Key Worker, **Sandra Stephenson**, Head's PA, **Laura Burns** / **Emma Henderson**, Day to Day Attendance Administration / Phone Calls

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance - please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Class attendance for this term:

Class	% Attendance (Year to Date)
Black	94.34
Blue	92.38
Brown	96.11
Gold	94.98
Green	96.80
Grey	97.88

Class	% Attendance (Year to Date)
Lilac	95.36
Orange	90.69
Pink	95.37
Purple	92.89
Red	94.51
SENSES	96.98

Class	% Attendance (Year to Date)
Silver	94.71
Sixth Form	92.44
White	84.99
Yellow	86.10

HEADLINES

- Whole school attendance target for the year is 94.5%
- Whole school attendance for the half term was 93.34%
- Whole school attendance year to date was 93.35%
- 128 pupils (63.68%) had attendance of over 95% (outstanding attendance) for the half term
- 109 pupils (54.23%) had attendance of over 95% (outstanding attendance) year to date
- 26 pupils (14.43%) had 100% attendance year to date.

How is your attendance?

- **Outstanding attendance = 95% or above**
- **Good attendance = between 90% and 94.9%**
- **Requires improvement attendance = between 85% and 89.9%**
- **Inadequate attendance = 84.9% and below**

Attendance aims & priorities

- **Target:** to achieve whole school attendance of 94.5%
- **How will we achieve this?:** First day response, home visits, pastoral telephone calls home, assemblies, well done post cards, letters home, school meetings with parents / carers.
- **House reward system:** celebrating 100% attendance. Pupils achieving 100% attendance for the term will be entered into a raffle. Lucky winners receive a £50 voucher.
- **Consistency:** Attendance and pastoral teams working together to identify barriers to attendance and delivering appropriate actions and interventions to address issues.
- **Parental engagement:** continual communication with families through social media, school website, school displays, assemblies and parent events.
- **Attendance data:** half termly data analysis procedures to monitor individual and group pupil attendance. All staff receive weekly individual and class attendance information.
- **Letters:** half termly letters to parents/carers where we have attendance concerns.
- **Local Authority Attendance Team:** involvement if attendance concerns continue.

What can you do to help your child's attendance?

- It is important your child attends school as regularly as possible.
- Wherever possible, please book appointments outside the school day. If this is not possible, your child will be marked as "M" (medical appointment).
- Inform school as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent.
- If your child is unwell or absent for any other reason, please contact the school office before 9.15am on each day of absence.
- Contact your child's pastoral teacher if you feel your child is unhappy in school.
- Contact Ronice Jopling if you feel there is anything we can do to support your child's attendance.



Just **SOME** of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- 👍 To learn
- 👍 To have fun
- 👍 To make new friends
- 👍 To experience new things
- 👍 To develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation & gender differences
- 👍 To achieve
- 👍 To gain qualifications
- 👍 To develop new skills
- 👍 To build confidence & self-esteem
- 👍 To have the best possible start in life

Contacting school ...

There are lots of ways of getting in touch:

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