

Broomhill Primary School



Child Attendance Policy & Promise

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Welcome

Hello, we are your School Council. We are children from across the school aged x to x years old who have been picked to represent the views of all the children at Broomhill Primary School. We wanted to explain why attendance is important and how we can all help each other come to school every day. This has been written by the School Council on behalf of all pupils at Broomhill Primary School.

Our School Council Attendance Pledge

We promise to

Come to school to learn, play and grow. We know that every day in school helps us become the very best version of ourselves and help us achieve our goals and succeed in the future.

☀ Every Day Matters

☀ Every Child Counts

☀ Every Minute Helps Us Learn

Why Coming to School Matters

We love coming to school because:

- We learn new things every day.
- We make friends and spend time with them.
- We take part in learning such as Maths, English, Geography and History.
- We also take part in PE, swimming, music, art and other creative lessons.
- We join school trips, clubs and special events.
- We feel proud when we achieve our best.
- We learn skills that help us in the future and help us to get a good job doing something we love.

When we're not in school, we miss out on learning and being part of our school family.

Did You Know It's The Law?

In our country, all children aged 5 and over must receive a full-time education.

This means that our parents have a legal responsibility to make sure we attend school regularly or they could get in big trouble.

School is not optional. We must come to school unless there is a good reason not to.

Sometimes children are too poorly to come to school, but most children should be in school every day.

Our Attendance Goal

We aim for 96% attendance or above!

If everyone comes to school every day, we all have the best chance to learn, grow and succeed.

Why We Shouldn't Stay at Home

Sometimes it can be tempting to miss school, but these are not good reasons to stay at home:

- ✗ Going shopping
- ✗ Having a haircut
- ✗ Going for a birthday treat
- ✗ Looking after younger brothers or sisters
- ✗ Staying at home because we are tired
- ✗ Having a lie-in
- ✗ Missing school because we "don't feel like it"
- ✗ Going on holiday
- ✗ Visiting family when school is open

Even one day away from school means missing important learning and seeing our friends. It also makes our teachers worry if they don't know where we are. Our parents HAVE to tell school if we are going to be off, so they know we are safe.

Why We Should Stay Home

There are times when staying at home is the right thing to do.

- ☒ If we have sickness (vomiting)
- ☒ If we have diarrhoea
- ☒ If we have a very high temperature and feel too unwell to get out of bed
- ☒ If a doctor tells us to stay at home
- ☒ If we have another illness that school or the NHS advises us should keep us away from others

If we just feel a little bit poorly, we should still come to school and ask our parents to give us medicine in the morning. This shows our school's value of **being resilient**.

If we have been sick or had diarrhoea, we should stay off school until 48 hours after the last episode. This helps stop germs spreading to our friends and teachers.

Did You Know How Much Learning We Miss?

Every school day usually includes 6 lessons.

Missing just one day can mean missing lots of important learning.

Days Missed	Lessons Missed
1 Day	6 Lessons
2 Days	12 Lessons
3 Days	18 Lessons
5 Days	30 Lessons
10 Days	60 Lessons
15 Days	90 Lessons
20 Days	120 Lessons
25 Days	150 Lessons
30 Days	180 Lessons

Wow! Isn't that a lot? This could make us fall behind in learning.

If we got 90% on a test we would be pleased **BUT** a child with 90% attendance misses nearly:

- 4 weeks of school!
- 120 lessons.
- Hundreds of opportunities to learn and have fun.

That's why every day really matters. 90% in a test is good, but it is not good for attendance.

What We Promise

As pupils, we will:

- ☒ Try our best to attend school every day.
- ☒ Arrive on time.
- ☒ Tell a trusted adult if something is worrying us.
- ☒ Work hard to catch up if we have been absent.
- ☒ Encourage our friends to attend regularly.
- ☒ Be proud of our attendance.

What Families Can Do

We ask our families to:

- ☒ Help us get ready for school.
- ☒ Make sure we arrive on time.
- ☒ Let school know if we are poorly.
- ☒ Book holidays during school holidays whenever possible.
- ☒ Talk to school if there is a problem affecting attendance.
- ☒ Celebrate our attendance successes.

What School Will Do

Our school promises to:

- ☒ Welcome everyone every day.
- ☒ Help children feel safe and happy.
- ☒ Listen if children are worried about coming to school.
- ☒ Work with families to improve attendance.
- ☒ Offer support when needed.
- ☒ Celebrate attendance and improvements.

If Attendance Starts to Drop

Sometimes children need extra help.

If attendance starts to drop, school will:

1. Speak to our parents or carers.
2. Find out if there are any worries.
3. Work together to make a plan.
4. Offer support.
5. Celebrate every improvement.

Our school knows that every child is different and will always try to help.

Celebrating Attendance

School celebrates children who attend regularly and those who improve their attendance.

We celebrate through:

-  Attendance awards
-  Special mentions in assembly
-  Class celebration trips

 Positive messages home

 Wearing what we like on our birthdays

Remember

Improving your attendance is just as important as having excellent attendance! It's never too late to do better.