



Attendance Matters Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the third issue of the Attendance Matters Newsletter. Sadly this half terms newsletter is a little shorter than normal. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic we have only been in school for one day of Spring Term 1. Whilst this has not affected pupils attendance, improving our overall attendance will be our top priority when schools reopen. To do this we need your help. Our pupils have missed so much of school since the start of this pandemic. It is our responsibility to ensure we close the gaps caused by long periods of school absence, but we can't do that if our pupils are not in school. It is your legal responsibility to make sure that your children come to school every day and on time. If your child's attendance drops below 90% then you may be fined by the local authority. If you are having problems getting your children to school every day and on time then please contact the school office so that we can see if we can help. Let's work together to get the best attendance we possibly can!

Ms R. Williams PRINCIPAL

Whole School Attendance

February

Whole School: 92.4%

Year 2: 94.1%

Year 1: 92.7%

Reception: 92.9%

Nursery: 91.9%

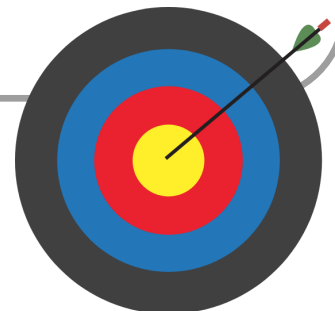
Challenge: Can we get attendance to 93% by the end of next month?

Attendance Target

Our target is 95%- but we are a long way off reaching our target. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and judgements on how well a school is doing is partially based on whole school attendance. The national average is 96.7%. We need your help to improve attendance for our school. You can help by coming to school every day and on time.

Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school by 9am if their child is absent. A reason must be provided



Spring Term Attendance Reward

Spring Term 2 Attendance Challenge is on! We want all of our pupils to come to school everyday and on time. We are hoping that school will reopen on March 8th 2021. Our attendance challenge starts first day back at school. All pupils who have 96%+ Attendance for the half term will all come to our Easter decorating party, where we will be decorating Easter egg biscuits for Easter. Only pupils with 96%+ attendance can attend. So make sure that you bring your children into school everyday and on time.



WHO WANTS TO COME TO GORTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL'S EASTER DECORATING PARTY? THIS TERMS
ATTENDANCE TREAT FOR 96%+ ATTENDANCE AT
SCHOOL