



## Attendance Matters Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the fourth issue of the Attendance Matters Newsletter. It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school on the 8th March and I am pleased to inform you we have seen a MASSIVE improvement in attendance since then. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping to make this a success. I am thrilled to say that we have had our highest ever attendance day at 98%. This is phenomenal and we ask you to continue this excellent hard work into the next term. We have set our pupils a challenge for the next half term. All pupils with 96% attendance and above will be coming to our attendance movie day. We are hoping that as many pupils as possible will be there. Please keep up all of your hard work and lets make attendance at Gorton Primary School a success!

Ms R. Williams PRINCIPAL

### Whole School Attendance

End of Spring Term 2

**Whole School: 92.4%**

**Year 2: 94.1%**

**Year 1: 92.7%**

**Reception: 92.9%**

**Nursery: 91.9%**

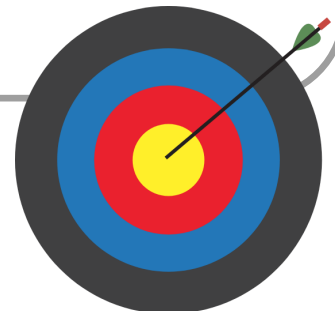
**Challenge:** Can we get attendance to 93% by the end of next term?

### 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**



# 100% Attendance Superstars

It has been a difficult Spring term at Gorton Primary School with our second school closure in the last 12 months. However we have some attendance superstars who have managed 100% attendance for the Spring Term. Congratulations on an excellent achievement!



Nursery	Adam, Izaya, Harvey
Reception	Aaima, Tia, Priya, Ammar, Ellie
Year 1	Amelia, Laraib, Toby, Enstar, Mariam, Roohi, Miral,
Year 2	Husam, Nihal, Ahmad, Fatima, Uzair, Heidi-Rose, Zahra, Mudaitir, Hassan, Ario

## Did you know?

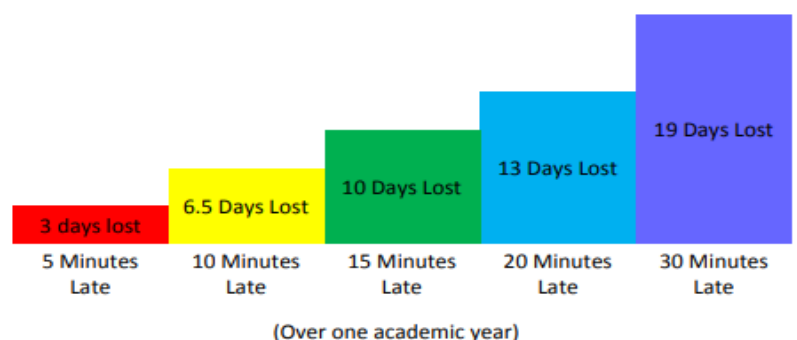
- The Government expect all students to have 97% attendance.
- 90% attendance is not classed as good and means missing on average  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day **EVERY** week – your child will also be classed as Persistent Absentee (PA) and additional support or sanctions may be given.
- 90% attendance is the equivalent of missing 4 whole weeks in one school year - the equivalent of missing 100 hours of learning in lessons.
- 80% attendance is the same as missing 1 full day a week
- A 2 week holiday each year, will mean your child has missed 14 weeks of learning – over  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a school year.
- A 2 week holiday automatically reduces your child to below 95% attendance
- School truants are 6 times more likely to be unemployed

## Attendance Challenge

We are working hard here at Gorton Primary School to improve attendance for all pupils. At Gorton we like to reward our pupils with good attendance. All pupils who have 100% attendance for the next term will be awarded one of our 100% attendance bears. We also have our movie afternoon for pupils with 96+% attendance for the summer term 1 and an end of term disco for those pupils who have achieved 96+% for summer term 2. Will your child be attending?

### Every Minute Counts

If your child arrives late to school everyday, their learning begins to suffer. This is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.

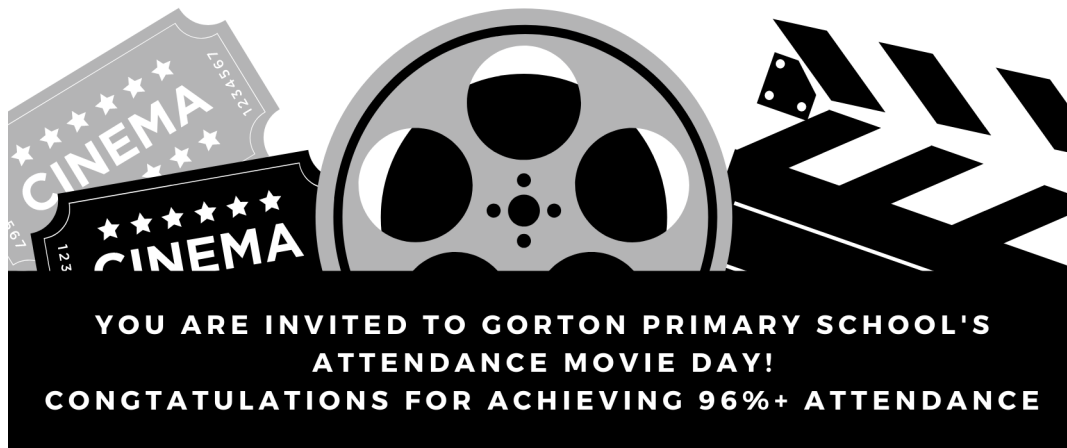


# Will you be Attending?

COME AND ENJOY POPCORN AND HOTDOGS

# ATTENDANCE MOVIE DAY

28th May 2020 10.30am  
Hotel Transylvania



## Attendance Wordsearch

R E T S I G E R H A I V  
E T D V C G K S L P Q L  
N L S A T L A A C U D E  
I W R A A W R W P N E M  
T V A W F M B N W I S I  
U G F K C K L T R F S T  
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L C Y H N O P Y R M D B  
K B C S H R B U H B C E  
Y S Q S C R O G E T Q L  
M M T N C X A M D M I L

Alarm clock

Bell

Breakfast

Car

Dressed

Morning

Overtime

Register

Routine

School

Shower

Uniform

Wake Up

Wash

Walk

