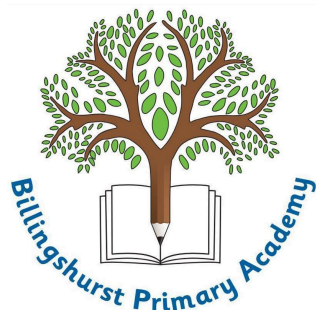




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Half-Termly Attendance Reports

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Billingshurst Primary Academy, we believe that regular school attendance plays an important role in every child's learning, development and wellbeing. We are writing to let you know that, from this Friday, we will begin sharing half-termly attendance reports for all children.

The purpose of these reports is to keep families informed about their child's attendance and to help us work together to give every child the best possible opportunities to succeed whilst fulfilling our statutory duty of care.

Being in school regularly helps children to build strong relationships, develop confidence, establish routines and make consistent progress in their learning. Every school day matters, and even occasional absences can mean children miss important learning experiences, as well as opportunities to socialise and feel part of their class community.

Alongside your child's individual attendance information, the reports will include national and local average attendance figures to provide a helpful point of comparison. We will also share our school's attendance expectations and the attendance parameters we use to help identify when additional support or conversations may be beneficial.

We fully recognise that children become unwell and that absence is sometimes unavoidable. We also understand that some children have medical needs, special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), or other circumstances that can affect their ability to attend school regularly. We want to reassure families that our intention is not to create additional pressure or worry for those facing these challenges. We recognise that every child and family is different and we are committed to approaching attendance with understanding, sensitivity and support.

Our aim in sharing these reports is to ensure that all parents and carers have clear, consistent information about their child's attendance. Where attendance is a concern, we hope this information will help us work together to understand any barriers and explore how we can best support your child.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, thrive and enjoy all that school has to offer. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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