

Everybody Excelling, Every Day. No Excuses!

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Dear Parent/Carer

School Attendance

I am asking for your support in improving whole school attendance and punctuality, and to provide you with some clear outline about procedures and the School and Local Authority response to poor attendance

During the COVID pandemic it was necessary for pupils and families to isolate if they or a close contact tested positive. That is not now the case and it is essential that we build back up on our previous positive attendance rates.

The impact upon children's education through lost learning is huge. At a time when so much education has been disrupted it is vital that we make every school minute count. I urge you to ensure that your child is in school and on time every day to prevent anyone falling behind with their learning.

What are we aiming for: Randal Cremer have a whole school attendance target of 97%.

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid attendance falling into Persistence absent category

Persistent cases: Government departments track school attendance figures. It is considered that attendance of 90% or below is **persistent absence** which will be closely monitored by school staff. Failing to improve on this 90% can lead to prosecution, which school want to help families avoid.

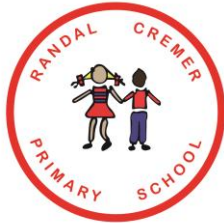
There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category: If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to seek advice on **02077398162**

- **Avoid taking any holidays during term times**
- Keep up to date with what % attendance your child has so that you know if they are at risk of persistent absence (office staff will provide this for you)
- Speak to school staff with any concerns.
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important **you** feel it is.

Illness and First Day Call: If your child is unable to attend school through illness you should inform us by telephone on the first day of absence so that it can be authorised. Alternatively email admin@randalcremer.hackney.sch.uk, or call in person at the office.



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Medical Appointments: It is generally better if these can be arranged outside of school hours. We will be available for discussion to gain a better understanding of the problem.

Lateness: Please try to ensure that your child arrives at school so that they are present for registration. The front gate opens at 08.30am

Holidays: It is not our policy to authorise holidays in term time.

Emergency Occasions: There are occasions for e.g., family problems, bereavements where it may be inappropriate for children to attend school, we will be sympathetic

The table below provides an example of the impact of lost learning through pupil absence:

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss the contents of this letter, please get in contact with Rose.

Yours sincerely

Rose Regis



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