



Braunstone Frith
Primary Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance Update 2024-25

Braunstone Frith, as part of LiFE Multi-Academy Trust, has the highest expectations for attendance and I wanted to write to you to re-share this message as we begin academic year 2024-25.

You may be aware that the new statutory guidance is available called Working Together to Improve School Attendance and there are some key aspects of this statutory guidance which have changed. The changes reflect the need to continue to improve attendance and to ensure we are doing everything we can to maximise the number of days children are in school.

When children do not attend school they miss out on vital learning in front of specialist staff and we know from years of evidence how important this time can be.

The school attendance ratings are given below:

Attendance	Number of days absent per year*	Rating	Comment
99% to 100%	1-2 days	Attendance Hero	Attendance HERO!
97% to 98.9%	3-5 days	Green	Good
96% to 96.9%	6-8 days	Amber – Green	Below College target
94% to 95.9%	9-11 days	Amber	Requires Improvement
90% to 93.9%	12-19 days	Amber – Red	Cause for Concern
Below 90%	20 days or more	Red	Serious Cause for Concern

****This indicates the number of school days that will be lost if the attendance percentage remains at this level for the academic year.***

Attendance of 90% across an entire academic year is the equivalent of 4 weeks of lost learning time. This amounts to over 130 hours of learning that is similar to the number of hours allocated to a learning a single subject!



Approximately 80% pupils achieve the expected standards of achievement if they have not missed any days of school compared with **only 40% if pupils have missed more than 20 days learning in a year**. I am sure you will agree this is a staggering difference purely based on students attending regularly.

The following systems are in place to support parents:

- Support – Braunstone Frith has support staff that are available throughout the day to support children. Please send your child to school unless they are obviously too unwell. If you are unsure please refer to the NHS guidance [Is My Child Too Ill For School](#)
- Mrs Rose (attendance officer) – Please contact her via the office if you are struggling to get your child into school. We will help!

We ask that you support your child and Braunstone Frith with their attendance and specifically request that you do not take your child on holiday during term time. As part of our processes to support pupils having great attendance, we will contact you throughout the year should your child's attendance not be in line with our expectations. Should attendance not improve following a period of support, we may have to refer to the local authority for further support and in some cases they will impose a penalty notice.

Thank you in advance of your continued support in improving attendance across our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Grant