



## Sherdley Primary School

### Attendance Newsletter Spring 1 2024

# MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

#### Current Attendance Data: Autumn Term

#### September – December

Whole School 94.2% which is an improvement from 92.4% this time last year.

Thank you to all parents and carers that ensure their child is in school, every day and on time. It really gives children the best possible chance to thrive.

Best Year Group – Year 1 – 95.2%

Best Class – 10 – 96.3%

Number of children above 96% - 225

Number of children at 100% - 76



If your child has any anxieties or worries about school, please speak to your class teacher who can complete a pastoral referral form for some additional support if required.

### Punctuality Matters

It is important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

So far, the class with the **best punctuality is 2C!** Well done, let's see if anyone can beat them in Spring!

At the end of Autumn term our Attendance Ambassadors delivered stickers to children with 100% attendance for the half term.

Children with 100% for the whole of Autumn Term were awarded a certificate and a bronze 100% attendance badge – hopefully they will keep it up and collect Bronze, Silver and GOLD!

Treats were given to the winning classes for the half term! Well done to all!

Ambassadors will meet this half term to gather and share pupils views on attendance rewards.

Attendance Category	What this means
Attendance 100%	No absences this year. This is an amazing achievement and gives your child the best possible chance at reaching their academic potential, please keep this up!
Attendance 96% - 99.9%	Currently meeting Sherdley's attendance expectations – Well done, Please keep this up!
Attendance 93% - 95.9%	Close to meeting Sherdley's expectations. We would ask you to limit any further absences or arrange appointments outside of school hours, where possible.
Attendance 91% - 92.9%	If your child falls into this category they are <b>at risk of becoming a persistent absentee</b> . A persistent absentee is classed by the government as a student who misses 10% or more of school.
Attendance 90% and below	If your child's attendance is below 90% they are classed as a <b>persistent absentee</b> . Depending on the type of absences your child has had, you could be at risk of a local authority fine or in some cases a local authority prosecution.

We have seen an increase in children being absent from school with coughs and colds. Please read the guidance below from Professor Chris Whitty; Chief Medical Officer, England related to mild illness and school attendance:

*It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.*

If your child requires over the counter or prescription medication, a form can be completed to give permission to administer at school.

At Sherdley, parents and carers may be asked to provide medical evidence before an absence is authorised: however, this will only be requested if there is any genuine and reasonable doubt about the authenticity of the illness and/or your child is considered a persistent absentee.

Whole School Average Attendance		
Sherdley Primary	St Helens	National
<b>94.2%</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>94.4%</b>

We are broadly in line with local and national attendance data, however we continue to strive to achieve our target attendance of 96%

***Thank you for your continued support in our drive to improve attendance!***