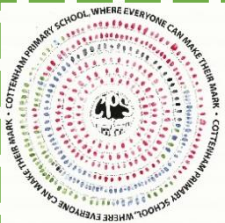


CPS Attendance Newsletter

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Attendance Information

Understanding your Percentage Attendance			
100%	0 days missed	Fantastic Attendance!	
99%	2 days missed	Well done you are at or above the school target!	
98%	4 days missed		
97%	6 days missed		
96%	8 days missed		
95%	10 days missed	You are just below the school target – try not to miss any more school days or will be harder to make good progress.	
94%	12 days missed	Your attendance is becoming worryingly low.	
93%	14 days missed		
92%	16 days missed		
91%	18 days missed	At 90% or below you are classed as a Persistent Absentee and your attendance is a serious concern.	
90%	19 days missed		
89%	21 days missed		
88%	23 days missed		
87%	25 days missed		
86%	27 days missed		
85%	29 days missed		

You can track your child’s attendance % in your MCAS account under the Attendance Tab. This data is populated daily so you can check this area for up-to-date information at any time. Ideally, we would like to see everyone in school every day but we do appreciate that children do occasionally miss school due to occasional sickness or an unavoidable appointment. An attendance rate of greater than 98% is excellent and would ensure you are giving your child the best chance to succeed and be phenomenally well-equipped for the next stage of their education journey and their life beyond CPS.

For those with attendance rates of less than 96% we would like to work with you to improve your child’s attendance. Please contact Mrs Perkins, our Attendance Support Officer, in the School Office and talk to her about the problems you are encountering achieving regular attendance for your child. We are here to support and challenge, but not judge. Importantly, when students improve their attendance rate, they improve their academic prospects and chance for progression.

For those children classified as Persistent Absentees, there can be no compromises at Cottenham Primary School. We will be relentless in our approach to improving your child’s attendance. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives an education by attending school every day and on time and you will risk fines and possible court action should you choose not to engage with us. Please work with us to put your child’s attendance back on track.

Attendance Awards

From the beginning of this half-term, we have re-instated the reward of house points for fantastic attendance. Each child who has a 100% attendance in any given week receives an extra house point. These are awarded after the attendance registers have closed on a Friday afternoon.

We are also looking to re-instate our attendance badge award system this term. We have listened to parental feedback and rather than award 100% attendance badges for each term we have come up with a cumulative initiative in the form of a bronze, silver and gold system that rewards attendance of at least 98%.

Children who have at least 98% attendance in the Autumn term will receive the **Bronze Attendance Award**.

If they are still above 98% at the end of the Spring term, they will receive their **Silver Attendance Award**.

And if they remain over 98% for the Summer term, they will receive the **Gold Attendance Award**.

Children who struggle to achieve 98% in the Autumn term will still have the opportunity to achieve their **Bronze Attendance Award** (and progress to **Silver Attendance Award**) by taking their YTD attendance up to greater than 98% in either the Spring and/or Summer terms.

We are really excited about this new initiative and look forward to seeing the children aim high with their attendance!

