

## School Matters!



## WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Percentage Attendance figure achieved this year is 94.38:

Month	School attendance % so far this year	Attendance % at the same time last year	Persistent Absence %	Class with the highest % attendance
<b>Autumn Term</b>				
September 2017	<u>94.33%</u>	<u>94.7%</u>	<u>1.86%</u>	<u>98.40%</u>
October 2017	<u>93.28%</u>	<u>96.6%</u>	<u>1.69%</u>	<u>98.51%</u>
November 2017	<u>94.03%</u>	<u>95.3%</u>	<u>0.90%</u>	<u>98.73%</u>
December 2017	<u>92.25%</u>	<u>93.9%</u>	<u>1.42%</u>	<u>95.17%</u>
<b>Spring Term</b>				
January 2018	<u>94.20%</u>	<u>94.22%</u>	<u>0.90%</u>	<u>98.24%</u>
February 2018	<u>93.30%</u>	<u>94.80%</u>	<u>0.70%</u>	<u>96.94%</u>
March 2018	<u>94.82%</u>	<u>95.7%</u>	<u>1.3%</u>	<u>97.67%</u>
<b>Summer Term</b>				
April 2018	<u>95.06%</u>	<u>96.0%</u>	<u>2.2%</u>	<u>98.3%</u>
May 2018	<u>94.57%</u>	<u>93.7%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>	<u>98.42%</u>
June 2018	<u>94.41%</u>	<u>94.7%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>	<u>97.08%</u>

Welcome everyone to this year's last attendance newsletter for 2017/2018. It has been a busy year tracking the attendance in school and I would like to say THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high this year. THANK YOU for getting these important habits established early on in your child's life as it will make a difference in their futures. We appreciate you getting to school on time so that children can begin learning on time and so that other children's learning isn't affected by late comers. There is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

## BREAKDOWN OF ATTENDANCE FOR 2017-2018

In this final Newsletter I wanted to give a breakdown of some of the things we track in school in relation to attendance. For some parents attendance and getting their children to school on time is not a problem and we applaud you for supporting the school. There are a few families at Waterside who struggle to get their children to school and who are habitually late and this is a problem we as a school are trying to improve, but this can only improve if families try and engage with the school.

Ofsted highlighted the attendance as something that needed to be improved at Waterside;

*“Actions to improve pupils’ attendance are not yet effective, especially for disadvantaged pupils”.*

*“Attendance is not good enough for some groups of pupils and the school’s work to improve it is not yet effective. Leaders have introduced various strategies and reward systems for pupils, along with support from the home-school link worker. However, they have not evaluated which strategies are most effective and so have not been able to refine and improve the effectiveness of their actions”.*

Number of days lost through illness.	46 pupils have lost collectively 1081.5 days with sickness	Number of warning letters issued for lateness after register closes - 9am	9
Number of late marks before register closes (8.45 -9AM)	102 pupils collectively marked late before 9am 783 times	Number of warning letters issued for lateness before register closes 8.45 – 9AM	11
Number of late marks after registration closes (after 9am)	46 pupils collectively marked later after 9am 219 times	Number of Medical Evidence letters issued for continual sickness	6
Number of unauthorised days marked in the register because no valid reason had been given by parents	42 pupils collectively marked as unauthorised absent 140 days	Number of warning letters issued for unexplained absence without a valid reason or response from parents	71
Number of Holidays booked with a holiday request form <b>not</b> being completed by parents	9 Children taken out on holiday without permission	Number of warning letters issued for non-attendance	7
Number of holiday request forms processed this year	44 Forms involving 67 children	Number of Penalty Notices issued by Waterside Primary School this year	45
Number of sessions marked as “M” for medical appointments this year	78 pupils collectively lost 212 sessions (106 days) due to medical appointments.	Number of days lost through holidays taken in term time	60 pupils collectively lost 273.50 days