



Punctuality

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Punctuality is just as important as coming to school every day! This year we have had an astonishing amount of children coming late, leading to us having **500** late marks recorded between September and December. This is disruptive to teaching and learning.

Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children are in school on time every day.

On 2nd January 2018, some Local Authorities adopted a new rule, which will lead to families being fined if their children are late 10 times or more within a school year. We are currently waiting to hear if Sheffield Local Authority will also be issuing fines for repeated lateness.

School gates open from 8:30am and doors open **8:40am** to give time for your children to come into school, get their things sorted and complete their morning work, ready to start learning at **8:50am**. To help encourage this prompt start, we have a **'Beat the Bell'** week next week.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost during the school year
5 minutes	3.5 days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10.5 days
20 minutes	14 days



GIVE ATTENDANCE 100%

We challenge all children (and parents) to



and get to school before the bell rings at **8:50am** every day during the week from

Monday 22nd- Friday 26th January.

There will be lots of individual prizes to give away and a class prize for the class with the best attendance and punctuality.

Please ensure that your child is in school each day- on time - to avoid late marks. Children who arrive after the register closes receive a U as their session mark. A U marks the whole session as unauthorised and affects your child's attendance. Children arriving after **8.50am** will be marked late. The register legally closes at **9:20am** and after this time your child will be marked with a U.

As your child arrives in class, they will need to collect a raffle ticket. They then need to write their name and class on the back and post in the bell box in their classroom. There will be daily prizes available and a special prize draw during Friday's assembly.

REMINDER! Term time Leave

Top tips to help 'Beat the Bell'

- Prepare your bag the night before
- Prepare your uniform, PE kit and swimming kit the night before. Reading books and homework should also be put in your bag ready for the next day.
- Set your alarm in good time and have a good early bedtime routine.
- Get your breakfast pots and breakfast out ready for the morning.
- As the weather is getting colder, set your alarm clock a little bit earlier and set off a little earlier.

We remind parents/carers that in total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits
- Go on holidays
- Go on days out
- Attend routine appointments

The law says that parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time.

Late marks recorded

Autumn term 1
Autumn term 2

Class	L	U
FS2 AW-HT1	11	5
HT2	10	2
FS2 HS-HT1	4	1
HT2	3	4
1-HT1	9	4
HT2	22	13
2-HT1	19	8
HT2	37	9
3-HT1	3	3
HT2	9	11
4-HT1	14	5
HT2	10	8
5-HT1	3	1
HT2	15	0
6-HT1	14	2
HT2	20	6

Class	L	U
7-HT1	11	2
HT2	21	2
8-HT1	12	6
HT2	14	6
9-HT1	10	2
HT2	12	2
13-HT1	13	4
HT2	11	2
14-HT1	10	2
HT2	17	5
11-HT1	9	3
HT2	17	5
12-HT1	9	4
HT2	6	5

If you choose to take your child out of school during term time, the Local Authority may take legal action under section 444 of the 1996 Education Act, which states that you have a legal obligation to ensure that your child attends school regularly. This could lead to a fine or even losing your child's school place at our school.

Activities

H	P	C	P	R	I	Z	E	S	P	E
R	L	L	R	G	X	Q	H	E	E	C
Z	E	A	S	L	O	L	T	N	R	N
A	A	T	T	E	N	D	A	N	C	E
T	R	E	I	L	T	I	F	T	E	S
Z	N	V	I	S	I	T	S	I	N	B
G	I	L	V	I	M	J	J	N	T	A
C	N	T	B	B	E	L	L	G	S	D
B	G	H	U	N	D	R	E	D	Y	O
Y	T	I	L	A	U	T	C	N	U	P
D	R	J	L	B	O	L	E	T	O	P

How did your class do last half term? Can you beat it this half term?

Date _____

Class	%
FS2 AW	93.5%
FS2 HS	91.5%
1	95.8%
2	94.7%
3	95.5%
4	94%
5	94.1%
6	95.5%

Class	%
7	97.5%
8	97.6%
9	96.8%
13	95.3%
14	96.9%
11	95.5%
12	95.5%

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Did you know that girls' attendance is higher than boys' attendance?

