

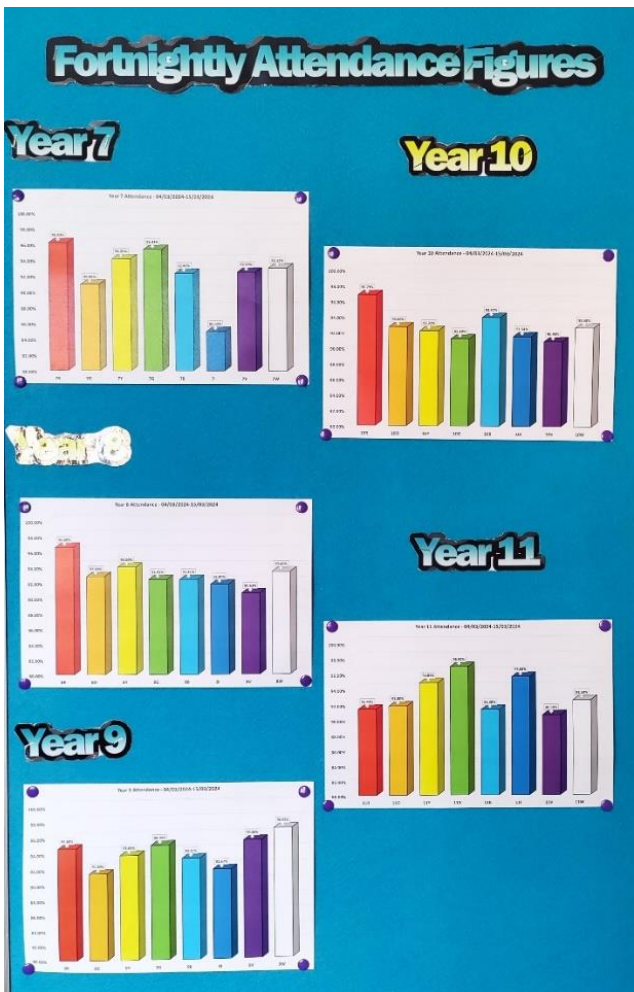
ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Welcome,

As we head into the Easter holidays, we would like to give you an update and reminders on attendance. We aim to fully develop the gifts and talents of each student. In doing so, we also prepare children to become world ready students. Attendance at school is a legal requirement and a crucial aspect in preparing for the future. Thank you all for your continued support in reaching our 93.1% attendance this term. Our aim is to reach 95% as per government guidelines.

Attendance Spotlight

As part of acknowledging and promoting good attendance, there is a bi-weekly reward for the leading form group in each year. Well done to this terms winners!



Rooks Heath School Attendance

March 2024

93.1%

Attendance reminders:

We are sure that you may have heard the advertisements on the radio, emphasising that "Every moment matters" in a child's education, and how vital it is for young people to attend school every day. The clear guidelines are that students should be in, even with a cough, cold or sniffle, and the only reason they should not be in is if they have a temperature of 38°C+ or have had a vomiting bug. Here's a link that you may find useful [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/a-z/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/) A few other reminders for our families:

- Ensure you speak very clearly when leaving a message, mentioning your child's full name and Form group, as it can be tricky to hear and decipher the many messages in the morning.
- All pre-booked medical or dental appointments, (where it is not possible to book outside of school time), should be shared with us as soon as possible please, to enable us to pre-code registers and avoid calling you unnecessarily.
- Please note that leave requested will not be granted unless it is of an exceptional and educational nature; we are not permitted to grant any extended holidays for visiting relatives (even if they are unwell) or for attending pilgrimages.
- Punctuality has recently been slipping and parental support would be very much appreciated in ensuring that you child attends well before the 8.45am registration time; ideally, they should be seated in their form rooms no later than 8.40am, so a healthy time to aim to arrive by is 8.30am or 8.35am.

To report absence please call:

020 887 28900

attendance@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk

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100%
PERFECTION!

>96%<100%
VERY GOOD

At this level, you give yourself the best chance of achieving your potential. 96% equals 7.5 days absence in a year.

>93%<96%
COULD BE BETTER

95% means half-day missed every 2 weeks. In a year, that's 43 lessons to catch up on.

>90%<93%
IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED

92% equals 3 weeks of lost learning every year. Between Y7 and Y11, this means 15 weeks lost in total.

<90%
PERSISTENTLY ABSENT

At 90%, you have missed almost 100 lessons in a year. Attendance at 90% each year means that by Y11, you will have missed 6 months learning.

**PROMOTING GOOD
ATTENDANCE ALL YEAR LONG**

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Top Tips

- Teach your child the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Make sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to take part. Registration starts at 8.45am
- Reduce disruption to learning where you can, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time.
- Teach your child that attending school is non-negotiable unless they are truly sick.
- Build relationships with other families and discuss how you can help each other out in times of need or emergencies.

Holiday in School Time

There is no entitlement for parents to remove their children school for the purpose of holiday in term time. The Local Authority will issue parents with a Penalty Notice of £60 per parents per child for taking holiday during term time.

Please note that we require a medical document for all absences either prior to or after a school holiday. You may be visited at home to check that your child is ill.

