



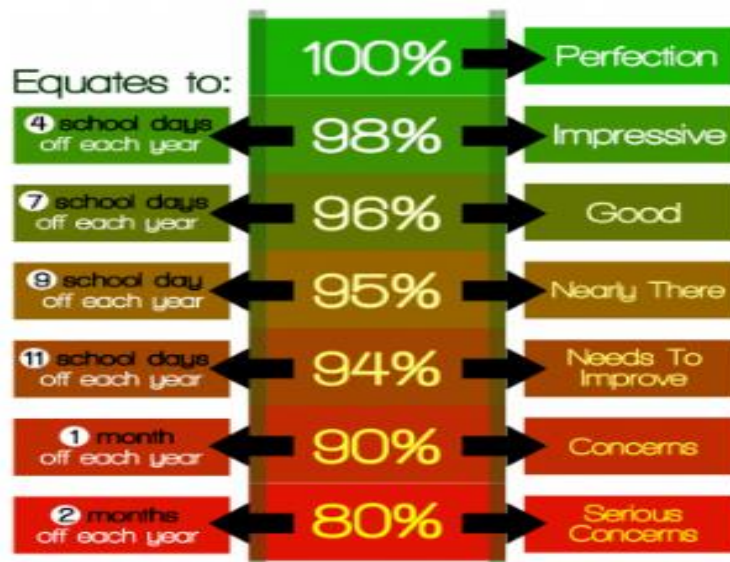
Blowers Green Primary
Newsletter Monday 14th September 2020



ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Now, more than ever, regular school attendance is even more important because children have lost so much valuable learning time due to COVID-19 - the large

majority of children have missed **70** days. So much missed learning to make up...! Below is a table showing how children's percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed.



What are we doing to help your child catch up?

- It is so important that if your child is well, they are in school every day. Your child can only make progress if they are in school.
- Teachers are currently using the next few weeks to check your child's learning. What is your child not able to do? What has your child forgotten? What learning did your child miss?
- This information will be used to plan your child's programme of learning.
- In addition to whole class lessons, your child may have the opportunity to be taught in a small group of 6-8 or some individual tuition
- Your child may be offered some extra lessons which will be either morning or after school tuition to help your child catch up.
- We have developed Learning Journals - helping you to help your child. Please take a look at these!

AND REMEMBER... School helps children to develop their social skills and in turn, supports children with their mental health and well-being too!

CONTACT DETAILS - Can you please ensure that your contact details are up to date at all times; this is vital as should your child become unwell during the school day, we must be able to make contact with parents/carers immediately.



RECEPTION INTAKE 2020 - We are very proud of our Reception children who have settled very well into school life. Blowers Green Primary was, once again, a very popular choice for so many parents with the school receiving 130 applications for the Reception Class - 25 children are still on our waiting list, hoping for a place soon.



SECONDARY TRANSFER - As you are aware, the school is delighted to be part of Dudley Academies Trust and we work closely with the secondary schools. The four secondary academies are rapidly improving and we would therefore urge you to consider these alongside other local schools when making this very important decision. Remember the deadline date for secondary school applications is **31st October 2020**. Applications after this date may mean your child not securing a place at their chosen school.



FACE COVERINGS/MASKS - Parents and carers are asked to help us to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face mask/covering from **Monday 14th September** when entering the school site. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES (Provisional-may be subject to change)

26th-30th October - Half Term

17th and 18th November - Parents Evenings

18th December - Christmas Parties/End of Term