



# HESTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to our first Attendance Newsletter. As you know, everybody at Heston Community School is committed to ensuring that each child get the best possible start to life. One the way we can do this is through ensuring regular attendance. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful, not only in school, but in all areas of life. We hope that you will continue to support us in improving our School attendance by making sure our students are here every day learning. However, we also recognise that over the last two terms some students will have developed illnesses where parents have made the decision to keep their child at home and that this has had an impact on some children's attendance percentage. Please do not worry about this as we appreciate that not everyone can be well all the time.

Mr O'Hagan  
Deputy Head teacher

Days Absent by end of year	Equal to absence percentage	Overall Attendance % by end of year
1	0.5%	99.50%
5	2.5%	97.50%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance at any time, please make an appointment through the School Office on 020 8572 1931 or email to speak to Mrs Summerell or Learning Coordinator.



TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE IN EACH KEY STAGE

- 7 PURPLE 98.3%
- 10 YELLOW 97.5
- 12E 95.2

### TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

So far this academic year 2018/2019 children across Years 7 -13 have been out of school for a total of 9,156 days (4.3%) which equates to 7 days per child. We appreciate this is not 4 days per individual, BUT WE STILL NEED TO CHANGE THIS STATISTIC! Reasons for the absences are made up of sickness, medical appointments, and time off to attend religious ceremonies or family events.

Family Term Time Leave - in line with the School and Borough Policies - is rarely authorised unless exceptional circumstances exist and are made in writing. All parents will be need to meet with the Deputy Headteacher in advance to discuss requests. Your children only attend school for 190 days (380 sessions) out of 365. This leaves 175 days for school holidays.

### LATENESS

Did you know that being late 10/15 minutes each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year. Lateness is just as serious as non-attendance. The start of the school days is an important time for students to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for learning. We start teaching at 08:30 and 'late' children can miss out on vital skills such basic numeracy and literacy work.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

**FOR EVERYDAY OF SCHOOL MISSED - ATTENANCE WILL REDUCE BY 0.5%**

**10 WHOLE DAYS OF SCHOOL HAS BEEN MISSED IF YOUR CHILD HAS 95% ATTENDANCE**

**20 DAYS OF SCHOOL HAS BEEN MISSED IS STUDENTS ATTENDANCE IS 90%**

**BY THE TIME A STUDENT IS PERSISTENTLY ABSENT (90%) THEY WILL HAVE MISSED 6 WEEKS OR HALF A TERM OF SCHOOLING**

**ILLNESS** - We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. However, it is very important to inform the School by 09.00 on the first day of absence with the reason by phone on:

0208 572 1931