

# Weekly NEWSLETTER November (1) 2017



## Working together to challenge, and inspire excellence for all.

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that the academy is launching a new attendance initiative. We have revised our procedures and will be working with parents and carers to improve attendance and punctuality. This is because research has shown regular attendance and good punctuality are crucial factors in pupils achieving their full potential. Byron Wood is committed to providing a full and efficient education to all, and encouraging our children to strive for excellence. Therefore, for a pupil to reach their full educational achievement, a high level of attendance is essential. We wish to work in partnership with parents and carers and so are seeking your full support in ensuring that your child attends Byron Wood Academy every day and on time. We are always pleased to work together with parents/carers in resolving any difficulties but we are also committed to improving attendance levels.

The target attendance figure for all pupils is a **minimum of 98%** attendance. Based on current attendance figures your child will be placed in one of the following groups below. Your child will be informed of their Attendance Group.

### Group 1: No Concern - Green Group

The child attends for **97% - 100%** of the time.

### Group 2: Concern - Yellow Group

The child attends for **96% - 96.9%** of the time.

### Group 3: Risk of Underachievement – Amber Group

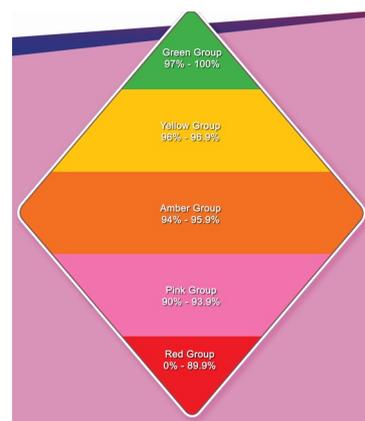
The child attends for **94% - 94.9%** of the time.

### Group 4: Severe Risk of Underachievement – Pink Group

The child attends for **90% - 93.9%** of the time.

### Group 5: Extreme Risk of Underachievement – Red Group

The child attends for **0% - 89.9%** of the time.



Regular attendance is not just a legal requirement, but it is vital for pupils to maximise their learning, and achieve full potential. There are a number of important steps that you can take to ensure your child maintains a high level of attendance:

- ◆ Ensure your child attends every day, on time, equipped and ready to learn. Lesson time begins at 8.30am.
- ◆ Ensure the academy has up to date addresses and telephone numbers. We will contact you by text through parent mail or by telephone if your child is absent and you have not contacted the academy. This ensures that truancy is quickly identified.
- ◆ If your child is ill, contact the academy straight away by phone. Please make sure you telephone the academy every day your child is absent.
- ◆ If no contact is received regarding the absence, it is recorded as **unauthorised**. Ultimately the academy is responsible for deciding if the absence is acceptable or not. Only genuine absence will be authorised. You will be asked to provide medical certificates if your child has a poor attendance record.
- ◆ Ensure that medical appointments are made outside of academy time.
- ◆ Avoid trivial absence such as, 'buying new shoes'. This would not be accepted as a reasonable absence.
- ◆ Holidays should not be taken in academy time. Holidays will not be authorised during term time.
- ◆ Respond to academy letters or telephone calls regarding attendance and punctuality.
- ◆ Contact your child's teacher if you are experiencing difficulty in getting your child into academy.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance and punctuality at Byron Wood.

**Mrs Ashton**



Well done to the following pupils who won **Star of the Week**— for week ending 10/11/17.

F2GP	Fatimah Mohsen
F2SS	Younis Asad
Y1RW	Safiyah Minhas
Y1RM	Younis Alkaili
Y2ER	Hussein Hassan
Y2BW	Kassim Musa
Y3BB	Safa Shafaqat
Y3LH	Yaseen Mohsen
Y4RE	Hastyar Hussein
Y4SF	Stefan Pecha
Y5RS	Abdulrahman Minas
Y5AMc	Abrar Zaggoti
Y6DW	Gresha Lohana
Y6SF	Amera Mannion

All names were entered into the book raffle and a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Younis Asad in F2SS and Gresha Lohana in Y6DW for winning a book each. A big well done to both Younis & Gresha!

### TIDIEST CLASSROOM AWARD

Well done to Y4RE who won the tidiest classroom for week ending 10/11/2017.

### Readers

Well done to Y4SF for reading the most books this week!

Which class will win the book next week? It could be your class.

Don't forget to read every day. Good luck!

## ATTENDANCE TROPHY

Below are the statistics for Attendance and lateness week ending 10/11/2017

Well done to the 9 classes who were above 97%. Our school average for the week was a fantastic 97.3%.

Class	Attendance%	No. of Lates
F2GP	96.1%	1
F2SS	93.1%	0
Y1RM	97.9%	4
Y1RW	95.0%	2
Y2ER	100%	3
Y2BW	97.9%	0
Y3BB	92.6%	1
Y3LH	98.9%	4
Y4RE	98.6%	7
Y4SF	98.6%	2
Y5AM	99.3%	1
Y5RS	96.4%	2
Y6SF	97.1%	2
Y6DW	99.5%	2

Miss Reed's class won the attendance trophy with an excellent 100%. Well done to Y2ER...Good luck to everyone—lets keep our school target above 97%. I am very pleased with all the classes who have done their best to arrive on time.

### Attendance

Well done to all those children who came to school on time week ending 10/11/17. Every child received a raffle ticket. In assembly on Friday, the lucky raffle tickets picked out was won by Ilyas Ali in F2SS and Sahil Mahmood in Y2BW. Well done to Ilyas & Sahil!



### Parent Workshops

The following Parent Workshops will be in the dining room from 8.45am-9.30am.

Thursday 23rd November—Attendance  
Monday 4th December—Mastery in Maths

We look forward to you attending . Thank you.

We have some very exciting news—Byron Wood has been chosen to promote the new Astrea Academy Sheffield School.

The Astrea photographer will be in school on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 to take photos of the children and staff. The photos will be used for posters and banners which will be seen widely across the city. With this in mind, we would ask that you ensure your child is in full school uniform. If you do not wish your child to be photographed please can you let school know as soon as possible. Thank you.