



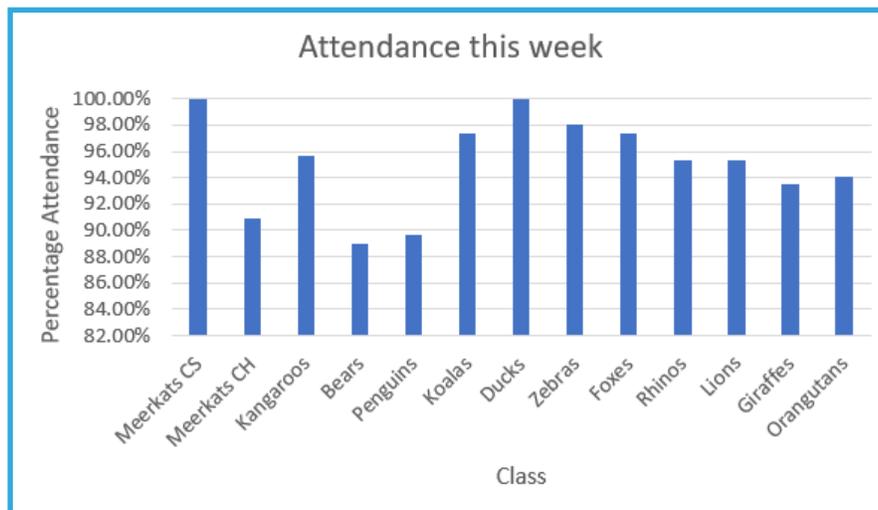
Hamble Primary School

# Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

Spring week 8 — Current school attendance: **95.6%**

The school attendance target is **96%**. Thank you to all those families who are working with us to prioritise their child's learning - in school, on time, every day.

**Winning Class... Meerkats CS and Ducks both with 100%!**



We know that Chickenpox has struck some of our younger years—illness can't be helped. This is why it is so important to be at school when you can... you never know when illness might strike!

## Reminders

The start of the school day is 08:30 until 08:45. After this time, the children will have to enter through the school office and will be recorded as late.

Please ensure your child is in school on time so that they do not miss the important start of the day routines and learning.

The link below gives guidance on illnesses that children can attend school with: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Remember to call or email the school office on 02380 453298 before 9am to inform us of any absence. This must be done for each day of absence.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

(Because every day in school really does count!)

## Why attendance is so important:

- ★ Good attendance = better learning, more confidence, and stronger friendships. Missing school adds up quickly — even a few days here and there can make a BIG difference.

## DID YOU KNOW?



90% attendance may sound OK... but it means 1 day off every 2 weeks!

That's 19 days a year — nearly a whole month of learning lost.

Over 5 years of school, that's almost half a year missed.

## DfE guidance:

- ✓ The Department for Education (DfE) says good attendance is 96% or above.
- Schools must work closely with families where attendance falls below this.
- ✓ Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to make sure children attend school regularly.

## Top tips for families:

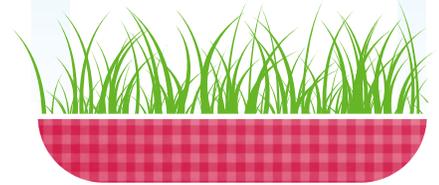
- ✓ Aim for every day, on time — small steps build great habits.
- ✓ Book appointments outside school hours where possible.
- ✓ If your child is worried about school, talk to us — we're here

**Every school day = a learning day.**

There are 190 school days in a year.

This leaves 175 days of no school!

That's 175 days for holidays, family time, trips and other appointments.



## The Legal Stuff!

School attendance is important because the law requires it. As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education.

Children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, or unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Hampshire County Council. The school does not benefit financially from any Fixed Penalty Notices and these are issued by the Council.

The school will always contact parents and try to support an improvement in attendance prior to serving any notice to improve, and prior to contacting the Legal Intervention Team, except where the absence is for a term-time holiday.

**If you are having any problems with attendance and/or punctuality, we want to work with you to improve this.**

## 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period