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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



# School attendance: and the law

- **Education Act 1996** – Parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that their children receive suitable full time education;
- That Local Authorities must ensure that parents fulfil their legal obligations regarding their children's education;
- Maintained schools must allow the LA to inspect their registers
- Schools must report to the LA pupils who fail to attend regularly. Brent's Penalty Notice protocol allows schools to notify the LA of any pupil having low attendance on account of:
  - (a) Lateness after registration;
  - (b) Unauthorised holiday;
  - (c) Persistent Absence;
- In these instances, the LA will consider issuing a fixed penalty notice of **£120 PER CHILD PER PARENT** or full court action. *Particularly in cases of persistent absence, where the attendance issues cannot be resolved.*

# ***THE POSSIBLE LONG TERM EFFECTS ON YOUNG PEOPLE WITH POOR ATTENDANCE:***

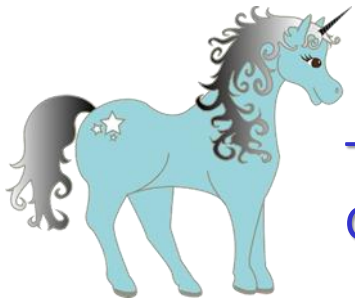
- ***TRUANCY IS ASSOCIATED WITH LOWER STATUS OCCUPATIONS***
- ***LESS STABLE CAREER PATTERNS***
- ***MORE UNEMPLOYMENT***
- ***SOCIALISATION ISSUES***



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# WAYS TO ENCOURAGE GOOD ATTENDANCE



TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT  
GOOD ATTENDANCE HABITS



- TALK REGULARLY WITH CHILD ABOUT SCHOOL
- HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT
- THEIR AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE
- CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO WANT TO ATTEND AND LEARN IF THEY FEEL SUPPORTED AND LISTENED TO
- HAVE GOOD BEDTIME AND MORNING ROUTINES





## As Parents/Guardians/Carers You Should –



- Call school as soon as possible to tell school why your child is absent
- Avoid taking holidays during term time
- Work closely with school – attend school meetings when needed
- Get to know the routines of the school day to avoid issues – e.g. know when your child has PE or after school activities etc., help your children get everything ready the night before – uniform, PE Uniform, book bag, has their homework been completed, etc.
- Praise and reward good attendance – even the small successes, like getting ready quickly.





**90%** attendance over **6** years of  
school....

**= 6 months** of a school  
**year missed!**



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# What about being on time?

- If you're **5 minutes** late each morning and **5 minutes** late each afternoon, you've missed **nearly an hour in one week**
- Or **half a day in a half term**
- Or **a full day each term**

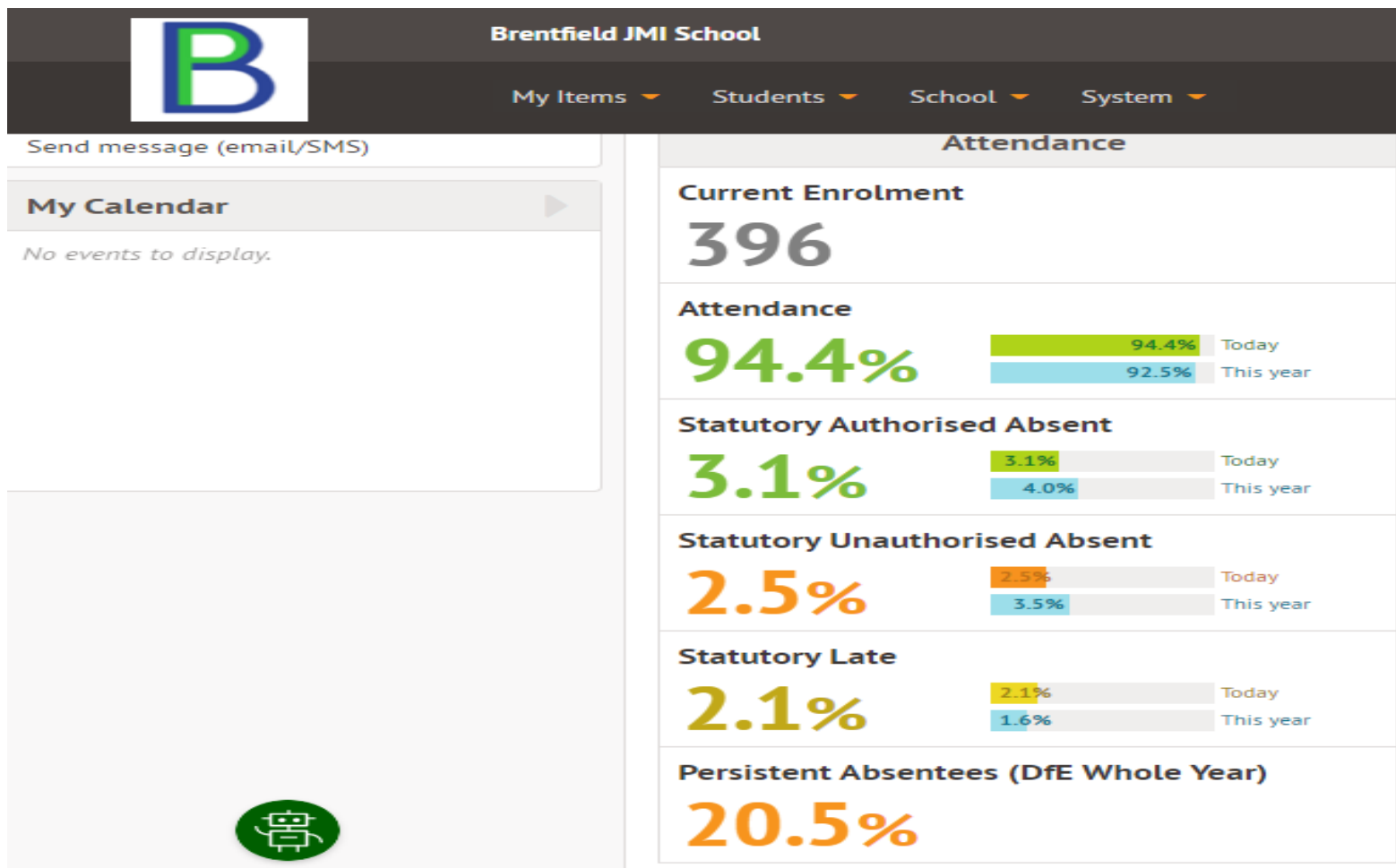


So being on time counts too!!



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This is what we see!!

Yesterday nearly 6% of our pupils were not in school

22 Pupils did not come to school

3 Pupils – we don't know why

Over 20% of our children are already classed as persistently absent.

This means they have had more than 20% of the days off since we returned to school



THANK YOU!!

