

Attendance



Our Autumn attendance update at Canonbury Primary School.

School Priority

Improving the attendance at Canonbury Primary School is one of our priorities this year.

Each lesson builds on the previous one, and even short absences can mean that children miss key learning that may be difficult to catch up on later. Regular attendance helps your child keep up with their peers academically, socially, and emotionally.

Poor attendance can affect future outcomes, from test results to career opportunities.

Last year, we significantly reduced the number of children who were persistently absent from school – any child with 90% attendance or less.

Working together – home and school – we can give the children the best chances for success.

Every day Matters

Thank you



Target
95+%

September 2025

94.7%

Sept 2024–July 2025

94.2%

Sept 2023–July 2024

94%



Celebrations

Assembly

Each week we hold assemblies in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) to celebrate the class with the highest attendance. The classes are presented with an attendance trophy. They also host some cuddly toys for the week in their classroom and have some special books in their book corners.

Attendance awards

Each month we will be awarding children with stickers for good attendance, 96% and above.

We have gold 100% stickers for those children who have been here every day for that month.

Children who have improved their attendance from month to month, will also have an improved attendance sticker to encourage them to keep up the good habits.

Badges will be awarded to the children with 100% attendance each term.



Absence

Sickness

We ask that if your child is too unwell to attend school or there is an unavoidable reason for their absence, you inform the school each day.

Absence

Term time holidays

While we understand the appeal of booking holidays during term time due to lower costs, it's important to recognise the long-term effects this can have on your child's education. Taking your child out of school for holidays during term time means they miss essential learning opportunities, and it can be challenging for them to catch up.

The school is required by law to mark absences, and absences due to holidays are classified as unauthorised. Last year penalty notices were issued to a number of Canonbury families. We urge parents to carefully consider these factors when planning family holidays and to use the school holidays for trips where possible.

- **Holiday Absences:** Taking your child out of school for a holiday without authorisation will result in a penalty notice.
- **Threshold for Penalty Notices:** A penalty notice will now be considered if a student has 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10- week period.
- **Penalty Notice:** The first penalty notice issued to parent/s of a child will be charged at £80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid between days 22-28.
- **Repeat Offences:** If a second penalty notice is issued within a 3-year period, the fine will automatically be £160 with no option to pay the lower rate. A third offence within the same period may lead to further enforcement actions.

Support

If you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please reach out to us. We are here to support you and ensure that your child's time in school is as successful and fulfilling as possible.

If you are struggling with morning routines and bed times, Bright Futures are able to support.

Lis, is our link worker and he is here at the gate each Thursday morning from 8:45am. You can book an appointment with him through the contacts below or just come and speak to him at the gate.



Everyone needs a little help sometimes

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that all families need support at some stage as children grow up

Bright Futures works with families who have children 5-19

We will work with you and your family to help you make lasting positive change and get the most out of family life

'Things right now are good. There have been quite a few challenges, but I feel stronger and more capable than I have for a while.'

-Bright Futures parent



Some ways we can help

- 2 Advise on child behaviour, routines and parenting
- 2 Strengthen family relationships and reduce conflict
- 2 Help with your child's school attendance and learning
- 2 Improve your families' health and wellbeing
- 2 Offer advice on home finances, training and employment
- 2 activities and support in your local community



How to access Bright Futures services

Call our helpline: **020 7527 4343**

9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday or email

bright.futures@islington.gov.uk



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