

BRIDGE IS THE PLACE TO BE

Attendance matters

Working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their full potential. Encourage your child to attend school every day they can. A good start to the day with a consistent routine can make a difference.

WHY

Pupils have access to a carefully planned curriculum to develop communication and independence skills which enable them to thrive in the wider world. Pupils are encouraged to develop friendships and have access to enrichment opportunities.



TIMINGS

School starts at 9:00am and ends at 3:20pm.



LET US KNOW

Parents have a legal responsibility to send their child to school and to inform school of a child's absence.

Ring school on the first day of absence on 0121 464 8265 to tell us why your child is off school.

If your child is off for a long time we will make arrangements to see you and your child.



IS IT AUTHORISED?

Authorised absences are absences due to illness, medical appointments or other approved reasons (e.g., religious observance). Parents must inform the school in advance or as soon as possible.

Unauthorised absence is absence without permission from school. This includes all unexplained or unjustified absences.



LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Request an 'Exceptional Circumstances Pupil Term Time Leave Request Form' from the school office. They can only be granted by the headteacher if the request meets specific circumstances.

The Bridge School follows the Local Authority Guidance, and this does not allow absence for holidays.



GOOD ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is at least 96% attendance or higher.

Any attendance below 90% is considered persistent absence. School will contact you to discuss how we can work together to help improve your child's attendance.

Attendance information is shared with the Department for Education and Birmingham Local Authority.



FIND OUT MORE

School website - Attendance Matters. Full attendance policy.

Local and national guidance including Birmingham City Council 'Support First' framework and guidance; DfE Working together to improve school attendance.



WHO CAN HELP?

School have a Family Support Worker and a Senior Attendance Champion. Please contact them via the school office. We also work closely with social care and health services within the local authority.

