



Bargarran Primary School  
Attendance Matters  
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Welcome to the latest update on this session's attendance at Bargarran Primary.

The aim of the update is to share our school attendance information and to explain our attendance support procedures.

### Attendance Monitoring

The first attendance monitoring of all pupils took place at the end of October. The table below shows the percentage of children in each category.

	Attendance Rate	Above 90%	Between 80% and 90%	Below 80%
September	% of children	88.2	9.5	2.3
October	% of children	85.4	11.9	2.7

Attendance across the school fell during October with less children with attendance above 90%. There were more children with attendance in our first cause for concern category of between 80% and 90%. The next scheduled attendance monitoring will take place early in December and we will update you the whole school attendance figures in our next attendance newsletter.

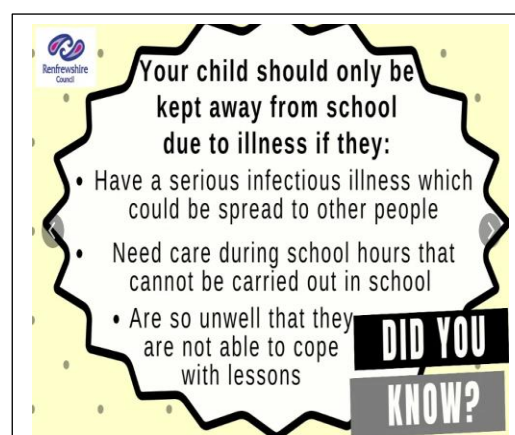
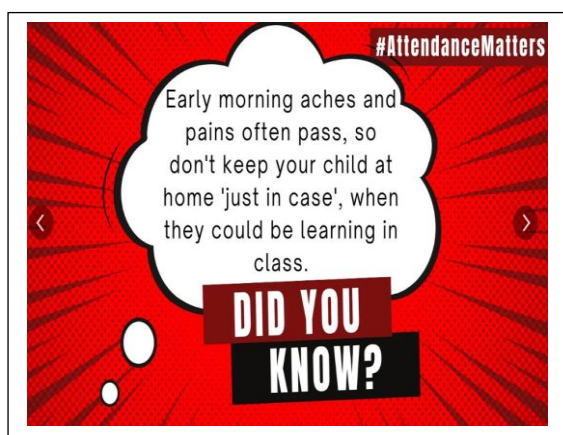
Last school session our average attendance increased for the second consecutive year. Our attendance also increase at a higher rate than schools across Renfrewshire. This year we are aiming to increase our average school attendance for the third consecutive year. We have also set an ambitious average attendance of **95%**. This is a challenging target, but one I am sure as a school community we can achieve.

**Please help us to succeed and make sure everyday counts.**



## School Attendance Procedures

Step 1	Please consider the two slides below.
Step 2	On the first day of absence contact phone the school office on 0300 300 1447 to report the absence before 9.00 a.m. or e-mail <a href="mailto:bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk">bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk</a>  Please do not send a message on Class Dojo or through the school web site as it may not be picked up.
Step 3	Please repeat Step 2 for every day of absence unless reason for attendance requires a period of isolation.



## School Monitoring Procedures

If at any point you are concerned about your child's attendance at school or would like support with your child's attendance at school please contact the school office.

Attendance rates are monitored on a regular basis and the following procedures followed for attendance under 90%.

Step 1	Letter sent out informing Parent and Carer attendance is below 90% and offering support if required.
Step 2	If attendance remains below 90% a second letter will be sent out and the initial point of contact will be in touch to discuss attendance levels.
Step 3	If attendance remains below 90% a third letter will be sent out offering a meeting with HT to discuss attendance.

## Attendance Phone Calls

If you receive a phone call from school staff regarding your child's attendance rate please be aware that our only motive for doing so is to support your child and yourself by helping in any way we can. Our school approach is based on working together we can improve attendance at school.

## How Absence Over Time Adds Up

### Did You Know?



This would mean a child with attendance rate of **85%** would miss the equivalent of **over one full school year** over their seven years at primary school!

A child with an attendance rate of **90%** would miss **the equivalent of 20 days of school in a full session.**

A child with an attendance rate of **95%** would miss **the equivalent of 10 days of school in a full session.**

