



Attendance Newsletter

January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

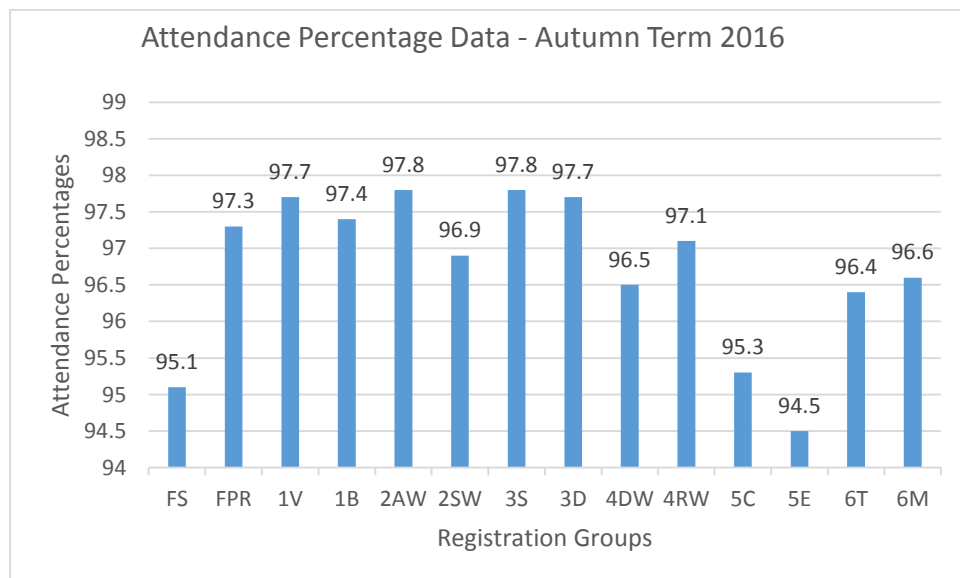
From September 1st 2015 the government reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10% of school sessions, this equates to 38 sessions (19 days).

Middlewich Primary School is aiming high for the overall attendance of their pupils. The attendance level for the whole school has been set, in collaboration with the Governing Body, at 97%.

CONGRATULATIONS to the **136 pupils** who had 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. They each received a certificate, bracelet and a pencil. 2SW had the most number of pupils gaining 100% awards for the Autumn term – 50% of the class.

Attendance

The graph below shows the overall attendance for each class over the Autumn term. Well done to 2AW and 3S, having the highest overall attendance at 97.8%.



Every Minute Counts

A number of our pupils are arriving late, after the register has been taken or even later when the registers have been closed at 9.30 am. If your child arrives after 9.30 am, then they will

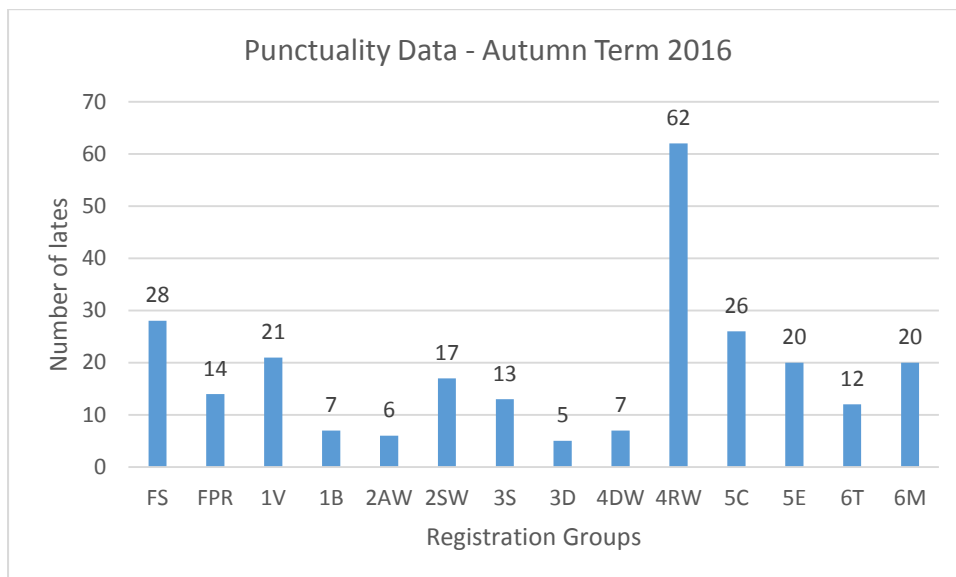
be recorded as late in the register and given a U mark. This indicates that your child is late and arrived after the register closed.

The most important part of any lesson is the beginning and if your child arrives late then they will have missed a key section of the lesson. Lateness equals lost learning.

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost!
(These figures are calculated over a school year).

Punctuality

The graph below shows the punctuality data for each class over the Autumn term. Well done to 3D, having the lowest number of lates during the Autumn Term.



Illness

Please can I remind you that if your child is ill you need to notify the school office as soon as possible. You can leave a voice message on the answer machine or ring the school direct. If we do not receive any notification as to why your child is not in school, then we will contact you as soon after 9.30am as possible to ask why your child is not in school. This is part of the school's duty to safeguard your child or children.

If there is anything which you would like to discuss with me regarding attendance or punctuality, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be contacted via the school office or on the email address below.

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