



# GIRLINGTON NEWS

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**New staff**

Since our last newsletter we have appointed two new teaching assistants. Mrs Hussain has started work in KS1 and Miss Ahmed is due to start work in KS2 after the holiday.

Shortly we have three members of our support team starting their maternity leaves. We will be recruiting to fill these posts in the near future.

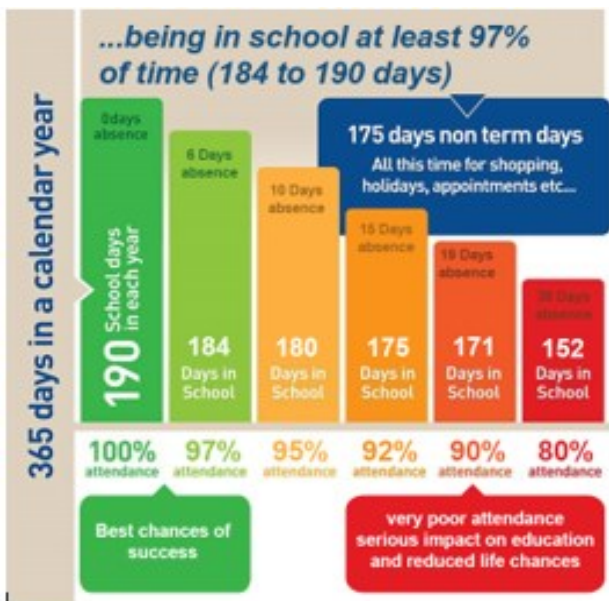
## Attendance

I am pleased to report that attendance is improving.

Whole school attendance is 94.2%. National average attendance is 94.4%.

We are aiming to be 96% by the end of the year. Thank you to everyone who has been trying their best to get their children to school every day.

Please remember not to book visits abroad in term time.



## School Streets Volunteers

At the start and end of each day Kensington street has continued to be closed to traffic. This has made our school much calmer and safer. Thank you once again to all of our volunteers who have helped to make this happen. **WE DESPERATELY NEED VOLUNTEERS PARTICULARLY IN THE AFTERNOONS!** We are offering free breakfast club and/or free after school care for any parents who are volunteering on the school street.



# Parents Evening Survey Results



Thank you to all the parents and carers who filled in our questionnaire on parents evening. We are always interested in your views and use the results from your survey to help us to improve provision for our children.

98% believe their child is happy at this school

100% believe their children are safe

95% believe the children are well behaved

99% believe their child does well at school

99% would recommend this school to another parent.

There were two issues.

1. The SEND questions are not understood by most parents and therefore do not give us accurate information.
2. 10% of parents disagree that bullying is dealt with quickly and effectively and 10% don't know.

As a result of this we have conducted a bullying questionnaire with all children from Y3 to Y6. There were 3 children who said that bullying had continued after it had been dealt with by an adult. All of these cases have now been addressed and resolved.

We are always working hard to deal with any behaviour issues including bullying. Please come and speak with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

## Healthy Eating



As well as providing free fruit every day for every child, we have been encouraging all the children to eat their vegetables at school.

We are trying to encourage all the children to choose a vegetable that they are happy to eat at lunchtime. Children who bring a packed lunch are also being encouraged to bring a vegetable to eat. This could be a portion of cucumber or some raw carrot sticks.

Please talk to your child about which vegetables they like to eat.

### Consultation about the length of the school day

The Government have introduced an expectation that all state funded schools in England will have a 32.5 hour minimum core school week by September 2024.

At Girington we currently have a 30 hour week, therefore we need to increase our week by 2.5 hours by September this year.

We will be sending out a consultation to parents, staff, pupils and governors so that we can gather your views on this issue.

Please look out for this.

If you want to read the government guidance about this you can find it [here](#).

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