

BHPS SAFEGUARDING

BULLETIN

2021/22 #3

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

In October 2021 I wrote to you all regarding attendance at BHPS. We must improve attendance to make up for time lost during the pandemic and, most importantly, give each and every child in our school the very best opportunity to learn and reach their full potential. Our aim is for each child to have 98-100% attendance for each academic year in school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that we operate a 'soft drop' system for children in the mornings where work is available for children from 8.40-9am. Registers are taken at 9am and arrival of children at school after 9am is classed as late. More information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. Children who arrive at 8.40am every day are maximising their learning opportunities and we would encourage all parents and carers to aim to ensure their children are here for this time.

In this bulletin, I will recap some of the initiatives that we have in place to improve attendance at BHPS. These initiatives are proving popular - the children have been very excited by the prospect of being entered into the "Wheel of glory", gaining "Stars in the Jar" and gaining class "Attendance Certificates."

I am aware that the current situation is difficult to control and that guidance from the government is always subject to change. However, with regular lateral flow testing it is achievable for all children to be in school unless they need to isolate for COVID related reasons. The uncertainty around the Omicron variant I know has caused some anxieties and we would urge any parents and carers that are feeling concerned to speak with Mrs Sargeant, Mrs Lawrence or myself. We are here to help.

Of course, there are times when children also have other mild illnesses which we understand would impact upon them being able to come to school. If your child is unwell, please also ensure you communicate this with the office team on each day of absence.

Our previous bulletins can be viewed on our website at:
<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/parent-portal/safeguarding-bulletin>.
Our Safeguarding Policy can be viewed on our website at:
<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/policies>.

If you do have a topic that you would like us to cover, we are always happy to research these for you - often this is helpful to other families.

My very best wishes,

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**If you are concerned
about the safety or
wellbeing of any child
please contact one of us
immediately.**



School hours:
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In the event of full school closure - a school
mobile number will be provided.

Our most current Safeguarding
Policy and addendum during
COVID-19 can be viewed on our
website: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/>

***Our Safeguarding Guide is available in our main
reception area and can also be found on our website:
<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/> in both screen
reading and tri-fold printing format.***

***Safeguarding is
our #1 priority
every day.***

ATTENDANCE MATTERS and our INITIATIVES

In the Autumn term, we introduced a number of incentives to encourage children to take ownership over their own attendance (as much as is possible for a primary aged child to do).

The Attendance Wheel of Glory

This initiative is part of our Friday Celebration Assembly. Every child who has had 100% attendance for the previous 5 days (Fri-Thurs) has their name entered into a prize draw. We spin the wheel (this is up on the big screen so that children can see it happening) and whoever the wheel lands on, wins a £5 voucher. We spin the wheel twice every week! This is NOT cumulative so every week children have a fresh chance at having their names added to the draw.

Attendance Stars in the Jar



Every day our whole school attendance is recorded on posters in the classrooms. Every time our whole school attendance is 96% or above, a star is put in the jar. In our celebration assembly we will share with the children how many stars are being added to the jar that week. Once the jar is full the whole school will earn a Golden Hour on a Friday afternoon where children can play and take part in a number of different creative and physical activities of their choosing.

Class Attendance



Every day individual class attendance is also recorded on posters in classrooms. Every time a class has between 98-100% attendance, the class will earn a certificate. The class with the most certificates at the end of the half term will win an extra playtime. Weekly attendance percentages will be published in the newsletter when they are 96% or better.

Any child who has 100% attendance for the whole academic year will be awarded with a special certificate and badge in the final assembly of the year.

PUNCTUALITY

We operate a 'soft drop' system from 8.40am. During the first 20 minutes of the day before registers close, there is work available for the children. We use these 20 minutes to provide additional opportunities for children to practise their basic skills which are critical to their learning. We would encourage parents and carers to ensure children are in school for 8.40am so that learning opportunities are not missed. **Registers close at 9am and after this point a child will be recorded as late. Any child who arrives after 9.30am is given an unauthorised late mark (U code) and this negatively impacts their attendance percentage.**

If you are having problems with morning routines at home and feel you need some support, please contact a member of the inclusion team who will work with you to find the best way forward.

Attendance matters at BHPS.

You will find our Safeguarding

Leads in orange lanyards.

We are all at the gate, or in front of the KS1 building, in the morning and at least one of us is on the gate at the end of the school day.



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Reach for the Stars



Robo Respect-alot wants children to be **BHPS** attendance **HEROS!**

Here
Everyday
Ready
On time!

Here at BHPS we firmly believe that children need to feel safe and happy in order to be able to learn and for that reason safeguarding is right at the top of our priority list. We have robust procedures for keeping children safe while they are in our care. <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/safeguarding>