



# Ashby Hill Top Primary School

An Academy School

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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018,

Dear Parents/Carers,

Matters of school attendance are often an emotive subject and many parents have differing views on how and indeed if, attendance should be rewarded in schools.

At Hill Top, we currently reward children for achieving 100% attendance. They receive certificates in assembly and a medal at the end of the year. However, in response to some comments received on the parent questionnaires, the leadership team are currently reconsidering this practice.

We acknowledge that unfortunately, children catch colds and bugs and that some appointments, for example hospital appointments, are often unavoidably during school time. We do not want these children to miss out on a reward for achieving what can be otherwise incredibly high attendance.

At this week's Parent Forum meeting, some parents also brought up the question of 100% attendance, stating that it can increase anxiety in children as they insist on coming to school even if they are unwell. With this in mind I thought I would canvas parent's opinion specifically on this topic. Please could you complete and return the slip below with your comments. Thank you in advance.

Best wishes,

Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher

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## FEEDBACK ON ATTENDANCE REWARDS



**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

	✓ <b>Yes</b>	× <b>No</b>
Would you like us to retain the 100% attendance rewards?		
Would you prefer us to reward high attendance? E.g. 98% attendance or above? (3 or 4 days missed due to illness)		
If you would like to make any other comments, please do so here:		

*Thank you for your comments. Please return this slip to the school office no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.*