

ATTENDANCE

THE FEDERATION OF ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR, INFANT AND NURSERY

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 98%

Dear parents/carers,

It has been wonderful having all the pupils back in school after the recent lockdown and they have settled back into school life really well. This term is very important as we will continue to build on the great start back to school.

A good education gives a child the best possible start in life and we must ensure that our children have an equal chance to make good use of the education.

To achieve this it is important that your child attends school regularly and punctually. If a child does not attend school regularly and on time they will have difficulty keeping up with their work and will therefore underachieve.

The school recognises that parents have a vital role to play in supporting and encouraging good attendance and punctuality. We will work together to ensure that every child has their right to a full education.

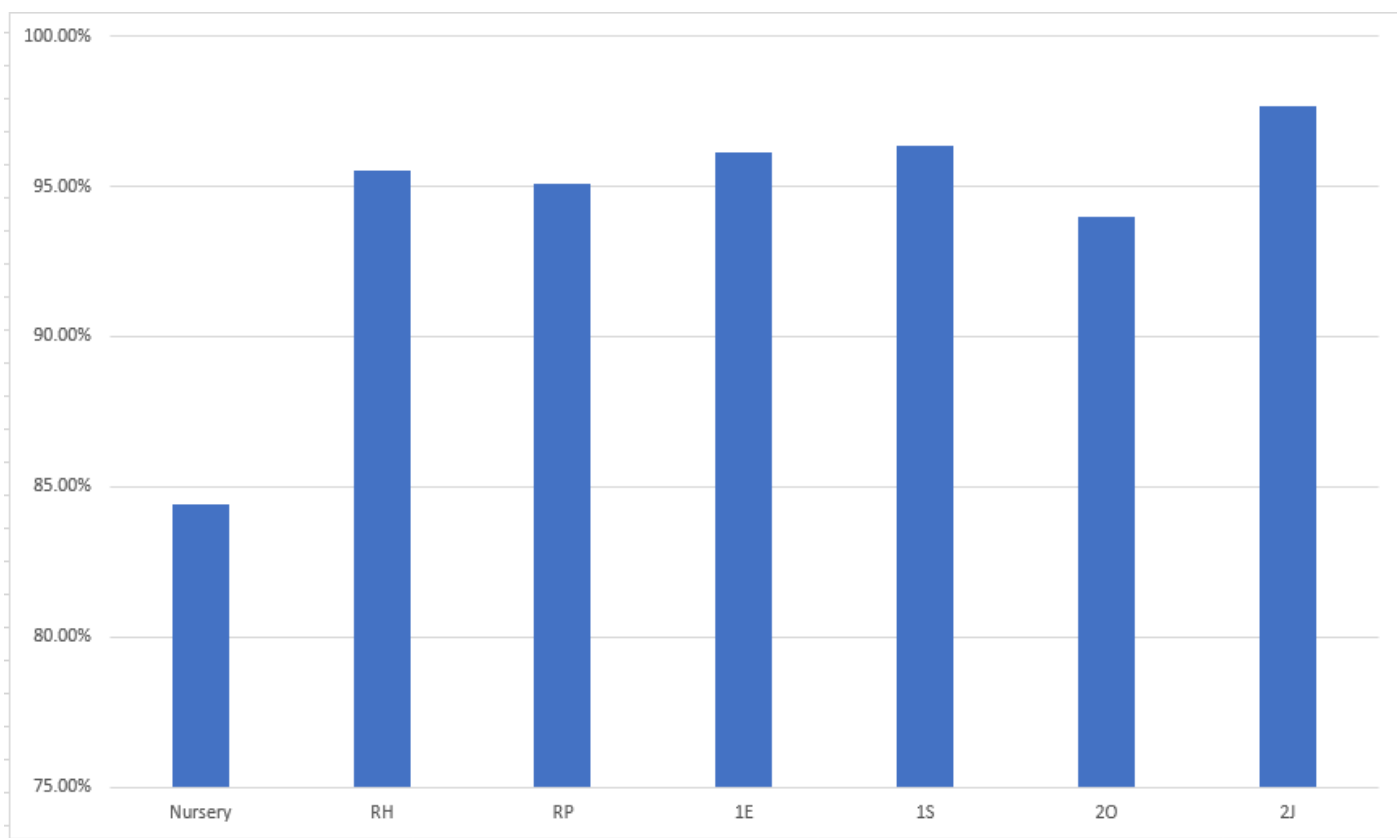
What does your child's percentage attendance mean?

Every day counts, the table below shows the importance of regular school attendance.

Attendance %	Days missed	Sessions missed	Weeks missed
100%	0 days	0 sessions	0 weeks
95%	9.5 days	19 sessions	1.5 weeks
90%	19 days	38 sessions	3 weeks
85%	28.5 days	57 sessions	4.5 weeks
80%	38 days	76 sessions	6.5 weeks ½ a term

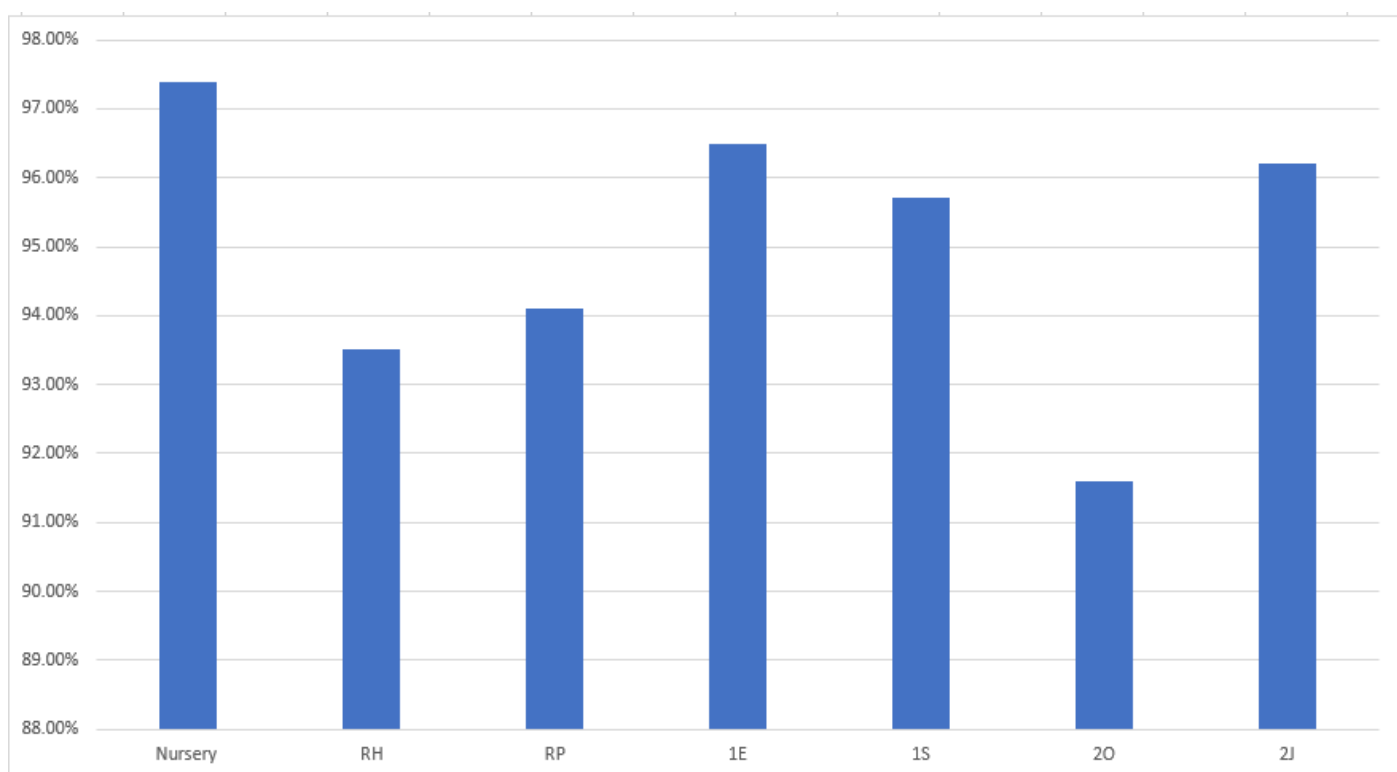
INFANT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—September to December

Best class: 2J with 97.67%



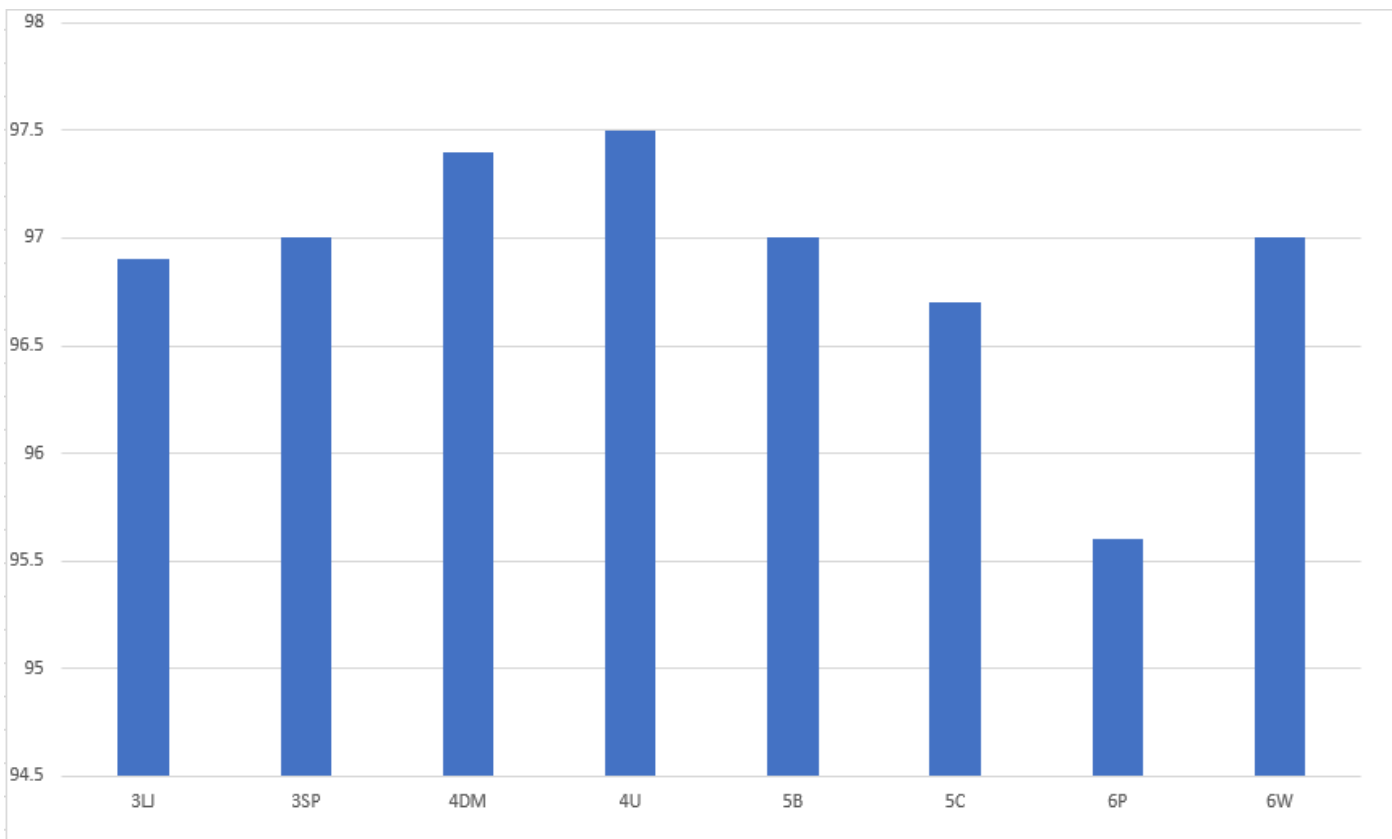
INFANT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—8th March 2021 - 14th May 2021

Best class: Nursery with 97.4%



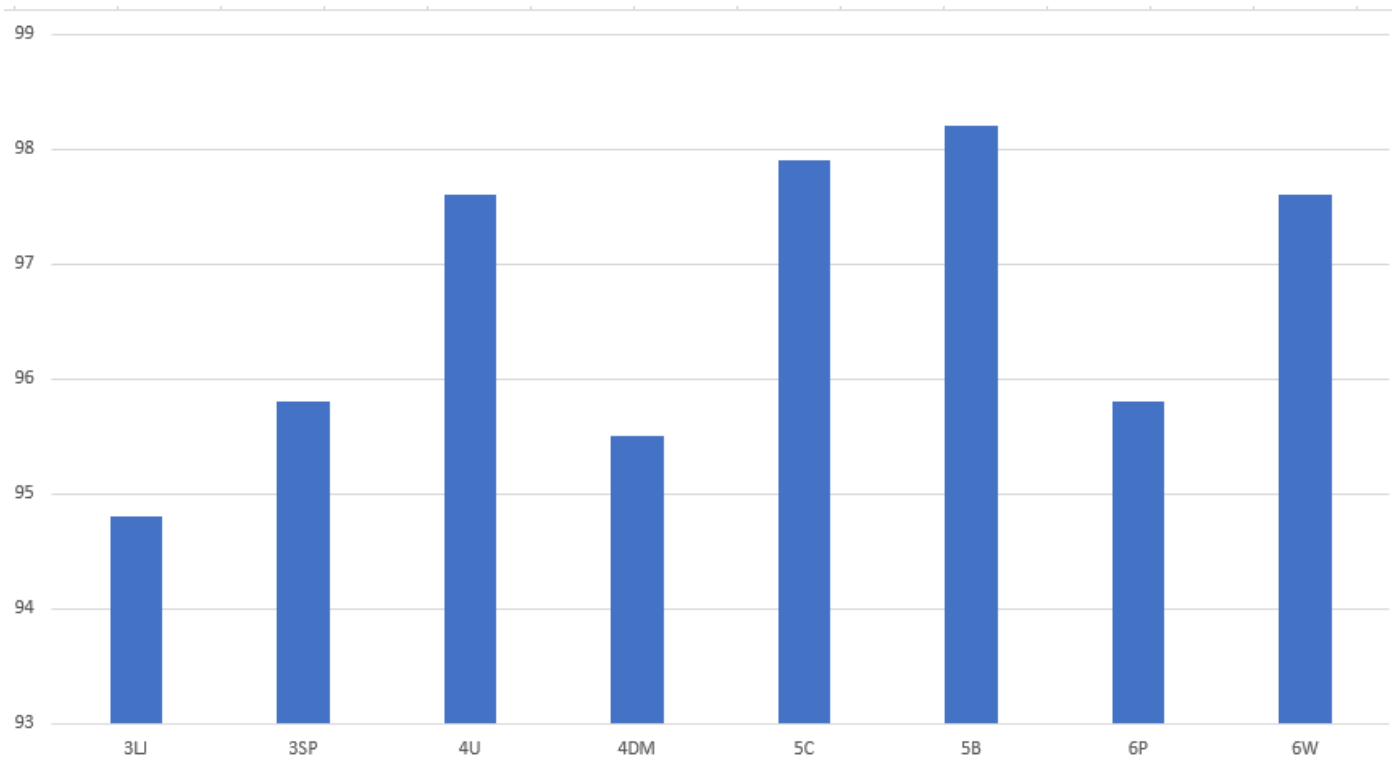
JUNIOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— September to December

Best class: 4U with 97.5%



JUNIOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 8th March 2021 - 14th May 2021

Best class: 5B with 98.2 %



Reporting Absences

To report an absence please email:

infantabsence@st-josephs-inf.croydon.sch.uk

juniorabsence@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

When reporting an absence, please provide clear, concise information about the reason for the absence.

We need to know:

- Is your child ill with COVID symptoms? Which symptoms do they have?
- Have you accessed a test?
- What are the test results, when you have them?
- Is your child isolating because someone else in the household has symptoms?
- Has that other person had a test? What are the results?

Education Welfare Officer

School attendance is mandatory and for parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school regularly.

At St Joseph's we are supported by an Education Welfare Officer (EWO)—Ms Sheena Horner. Our EWO supports the school in a number of ways which include monitoring school attendance and working with the families of the children whose absence is greater than or equal to 10%. If your child's absence is 10% or greater they are be classed as a persistent absentee.

Please support the school with your child's attendance by:

- Arranging appointments required for health reasons, after school hours or out of term time where possible.
- Attend parents evenings to discuss your child's progress
- Do not allow your child to stay off school for a minor ailment, if you are unsure if your child should remain at home please contact the school.
- Ensure your child has a good understanding of why attendance is important

If you having any questions or require support with your child's attendance, please do contact the school and arrange an appointment to discuss your concerns with Mrs Gallagher or email

deputy@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

Should my child go to school today?

COVID 19

Should your child or a member of your household have:

- A high temperature
- Loss of taste or smell
- A new persistent cough

They must take a COVID test and self isolate until the result is returned

Please keep the school updated

Injuries

Children can attend school with any minor injuries. If you call in the morning, the school will provide provisions to minimise risk and make the child as comfortable as possible.

If you feel the injury is severe enough not to attend, seek medical advice.

Conjunctivitis

Children can go to school. They should be encouraged to wash their hands to prevent further spread of infection.

Hay fever or other allergies

Unless your child requires immediate medical attention, give them antihistamine and send to school.

Threadworm

Children can go to school when they have started their treatment. Everyone at home should be treated.

Headache, earache and stomach ache

Children with headache, earache or stomach ache can go to school—just let the staff know they have felt unwell.

Give paracetamol and plenty of fluids to drink.

If headache, earache or stomach ache persists.....

Seek medical advice.

Headlice

Children can go to school, but they must be treated for the condition to prevent further spreading.

Parents should treat their children and other family members by wet combing with a nit comb and conditioner or by using an over the counter lotion.

Diarrhoea and vomiting

Children can return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Chicken pox

Children should go back to school after all of the rash has scabbed over.

Impetigo

Children can go back to school, when their lesions are crusted or healed, or two days after starting antibiotics.