

Dear parents and carers,

It was great to see our young people return on Wednesday! On Tuesday we had an INSET day here which included training on phonics. Please do note that Monday 2nd May is a bank holiday and Tuesday 3rd May is our final INSET day of the year.

We welcome Sam Croyle, our new Deputy Head who joined us on Tuesday. There has been a big gap between his interview and start here due to teacher resignation dates. We're all glad that Sam has joined us and look forward to working with him.

This half term we have London day on Tuesday 24th May and we plan to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee with a street party on Friday 27th May. This will be a red, white and blue day! It's good to have events to look forward to!

Due to Government guidance changing we are no longer able to order free COVID tests and so cannot test each week. Colleagues continue to wear masks in communal areas, this will be kept under review. At the end of last term we had 20 cases (pupils and staff) which is the highest number we've had since Christmas. Nick Clark, our COVID lead, has produced a helpful handout which was emailed out yesterday.

This is the last term for our leavers, I continue to work closely with the Local Authority regarding their future placements and we will support pupils in any transition arrangements.

We're looking forward to the next few weeks – thank you as always for your support,

Eileen

COVID-19 Guidance for Pupils and Families *If young people have symptoms*

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.

Children and young people who are **unwell** and have a **high temperature** (38°C or more) should **stay at home** and avoid contact with other people.

They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal and be aware of any symptoms.

It is very important to follow this guidance as some pupils at Highshore are considered at high risk of becoming seriously unwell if they are infected with COVID-19 and other respiratory infections

Conditions that mean they may be at high risk include:

- a severe problem with the brain or nerves, such as cerebral palsy
- Down's syndrome
- severe or multiple learning disabilities (or they're on the learning disability register)

Inclusive Yoga

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When: Thursdays - 4:30 - 5:30pm

Age: 13 - 20 years old

Cost: First session free, £3 thereafter!

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High Temperature



Stay at home

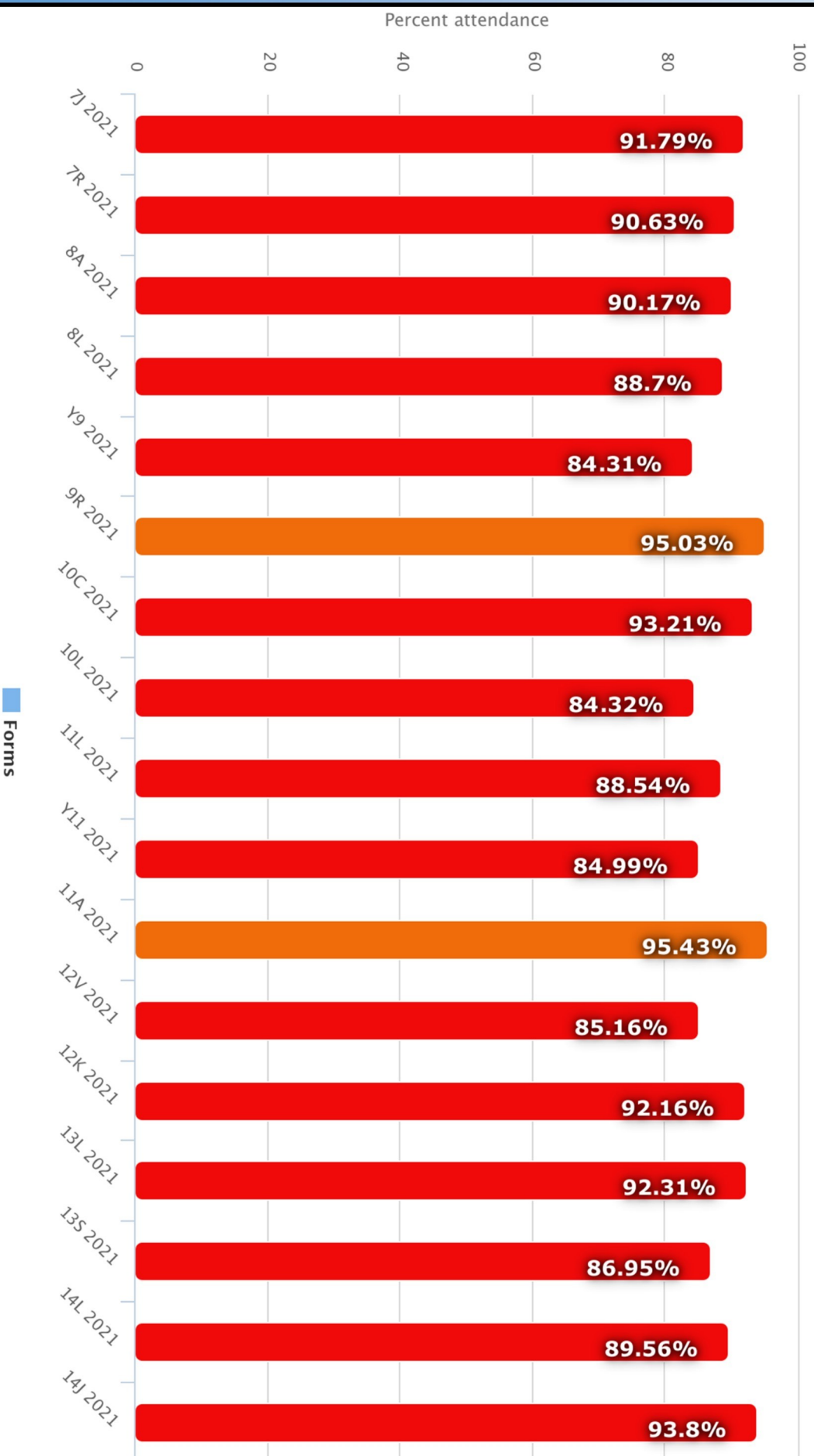
Attendance Update

So far this academic year the whole school attendance has been lower than our target of 95% . This is of course due to Covid 19.

In Autumn term our school attendance was at **90.15%** - Last term it was slightly lower at **89.02%**

We are still cautious as the guidance in this newsletter suggests but we hope that as summer comes closer, infection rates go down and pupils can spend more time in school and take part in the events planned for this term.

Attendance By Form between 01/09/2021 and 31/03/2022



Forms