We welcome all children back to school on

Monday 7th September.

This year, we aim to have an absence rate below the national average and to exceed our attendance target. We think it is very important that all our pupils benefit from 190 days of learning to ensure they make progress and achieve the results they should. If a school can improve its attendance by 1%, this can result in a 5-6% improvement in attainment. We are asking you to support the school by ensuring your child achieves excellent attendance.

Here are some of the ways in which you can help our school achieve excellent attendance:

- Aim for your child to have 100% attendance
- We expect pupils to arrive at school on time. Late arrivals disrupt the education of others
- Pupils arriving after the register has closed will be marked in the register as having an unauthorised absence
- We do not expect pupils to come to school when they are sick, but parents of children with regular sickness absence will be expected to provide us with medical evidence before we authorise further absences
- Avoid medical and dental appointments during school time
- If you or your child is having difficulties and this impacts on their attendance, please make an appointment with a member of staff to discuss additional support

Covid-19
School attendance will again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year (September 7th). For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty to send your child to school regularly will apply again.
In line with government guidance, the school has put a number of measures in place to minimise the risk of transmission and ensure the safety and wellbeing of the staff and pupils in the school environment.

The school's risk assessment is updated regularly and can be found on the school website.

The Education Welfare Service may issue a parent with a Formal Warning, an Education Penalty Notice (EPN) or decide to prosecute if a child is persistently absent over a minimum period of 10 weeks. If a parent is issued with an EPN, they risk receiving a fine from Brent Council of £120 if paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. Fines for unauthorised term time leave are issued to each parent for each absent child. Failure to pay the notice may result in a parent being prosecuted in court for their child's unauthorised absence. You can find the Education Welfare Service's Non-School Attendance, Education Penalty Notices, and Local Code of Conduct on Brent Council's website www.brent.gov.uk

Ms Anthony and Mrs Campbell are always available to discuss attendance concerns