

# Our Vision and Values

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## Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Hi Everyone,

At the end of this week, we will be almost half way through this half term already, it is moving at a zooming speed at the moment. It has been great to see Year 6 and Year 2 out on the first school trips of the year this week, Year 6 to the Deep and Year 2 exploring Howarth. It is fabulous for learning to be brought to life and for our children to be out and about enjoying first hand experiences, which we so value here at Crossflatts as a corner stone of our curriculum.

With a new school year comes lots of lovely fresh jumpers, cardigans, coats and bags please can I ask that all children's belongings are labelled so we can keep every child united with their belongings and not see your hard earned money wasted.

## **All Day, Every Day, The Crossflatts Way!**

As you will be aware ensuring our children have very regular attendance is high on the national government agenda and the agenda of our local authority as well as on our school development plan. As a Bradford Council maintained school we follow Bradford Councils attendance strategy. There are only **190 days** in our school year and it is vitally important that all the children attend school every day, in order to gain the very most they can from the learning opportunities we provide at Crossflatts Primary School. The national target for attendance is **96%** and we are aiming to be above that target this year. In order to do so, we will be monitoring absences very closely and we are encouraging all our children to aim for at least **96%** attendance over the course of the year. Of course, we are all unwell from time to time and if there is a rare occasion your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please can I request that you telephone the school office to inform us of your child's absence no later than 8.30am. I also share your frustrations at the vast prices of holidays during school holiday periods however we are not able to authorise any holidays during school time and we have to adhere to the Bradford Council attendance strategy.

## Attendance:

Here are last week's figures: Whole School: 98.1%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.%	97.9%	100%	97.4%	97.7%	97.4%	98.1%	98.4%

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We are definitely all feeling very settled now into phase 1 of our RAAC plan. We will invite all our families in towards the end of this half term so that you are able to see just how much work has been completed over the past few weeks and how much it really feels like business as usual even from our marmalade coloured porta cabins! (They are turning teal as I type.) The ground works for our new learning village for our medium term brand new porta cabins is scheduled to begin in the next two weeks, which is exciting as it is great to see the plan mobilising. I would also like reassure our families that Bradford Council are fully supporting all of this emergency plan financially and our school budget will not be affected.

Our wonderful team of builders and their management team, who have worked with me and my team since the 30<sup>th</sup> of August without a single day off are finally leaving us on Friday. When they arrived, I felt overwhelmed and emotional for what we were losing from our lovely school. They have worked their socks off with smiles on their faces and moved mountains to make our school, the school our children feel safe, are happy and are able to learn in at the Crossflatts standard they are used to. A huge thank you for everything, you are an awesome team of people. We are beyond grateful for your work and the time you have sacrificed away from your own lives and loved ones. You have helped move us from adversity to what feels like the precipice of a big adventure.



Big love Bradford Council building team. You are our superheroes who happen to wear hi vis rather than capes. We are looking forward to activating and bringing the next phase to reality together with you all.

Best wishes

Mrs Bennett  
Headteacher

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