

**Attendance Summary – January 2021****2019/20 Academic year**

Attendance for the 2019/20 is reported to the end of February due to the closure of schools in March 2020. Therefore, attendance is compared with the same period during the previous academic year. Primary school attendance is 0.17 percentage points lower in 2019/20 than in the comparable period in 2018/19. Secondary attendance is 0.78 percentage points higher in 2019/20 than in the comparable period in 2018/19. National comparisons are not available.

	Sept to Feb 2019/20	Sept to Feb 2018/19	Difference
Primary schools	94.33	94.51	-0.17
Secondary schools	93.32	92.32	0.78

Rates of persistent absentees in February 2020 were 2.47% across primary schools and 4.18% across secondary schools. Compared with 1.8% and 4.6% respectively nationally in 2018/19.

**2020/21 Academic year**

Schools opened to all pupils on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, prior to this date schools were operating a phased return. The information for the autumn term is reported from the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 20 to Dec 20	Sept 19 to Dec 19	Difference
Primary schools	89.49	94.15	-4.66
Secondary schools	86.87	93.26	-6.39

**Attendance by month**

Attendance codes changed halfway through the autumn term with new Covid-19 codes being introduced after October half term to record covid-19 illness and covid-19 individual isolation. After half term both individual and class isolations were recorded as attendance not required therefore these absences were excluded from attendance calculations. The information below shows that attendance increased in November, however this may not accurately reflect the actual number of pupils in school, as the revised recording after half term will have inflated attendance after this point.

Month	Primary	Secondary
September	88.64	85.51
October	90.56	85.21
November	91.98	89.74
December	83.53	80.24

**Persistent absentee rates**

	Dec 20	Dec 19	Difference
Primary schools	15.35	3.29	+12.06
Secondary schools	22.92	5.33	+17.59

In December there were 62 pupils on school roll who had not attended school during the autumn term.