



Attendance—Changes to legislation

As we made you aware prior to the summer holiday, there has been some significant changes to attendance procedures on a National level.

On 19th August 2024, the Department for Education's Working together to improve school attendance became legislation.

The significant aspects that parents need to know are—

- school will be updating you regularly about your child's attendance and any concerns they may have
- School will be offering support to parents and pupils to support attendance issues—this may include seeking support from outside services in the form of Early Help
- If a child has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence or unauthorised late session over a 10 week period, then we will be passing details to the Local Authority for support—this may be legal intervention
- Penalty Notice fines have increased :
 - * The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
 - * A second penalty notice issued to the same parent (for the same child) is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
 - * A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent within 3 years of the date. On the third occasion, alternative legal action will be taken which may include prosecution.

A new school policy to reflect the changes will be ratified at the next Governors meeting and we will make you aware when it has gone through however, the draft version is currently available to view on the website.

As a school, we will continue to support and motivate your child to come to school. We do this in several ways including out attendance reward trips at the end of the academic year—priced on the % attendance of your child and also our attendance non-uniform days when a class reaches 10 days of the whole class being present.

This year, we have also introduced a 'Little Hero' campaign where we are encouraging children to be—

H—Here

E—Every Day

R—Ready

O—On time

If you have any concerns or would like to talk to somebody about your child's attendance then our school's attendance champion is Mrs Dawn Buckingham (Deputy Head) and she is contactable through the main school office.

Dates for your Diary

Year 4 Trip Tower Of London

Tuesday 8th October

Year 5 Trip Birmingham Hippo-
drome

Thursday 10th October

Harvest Festival

Monday 14th October 2pm

SEND Parents Evening

Wednesday 16th October

Parents Evening

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday
24th October

End of Half term

Friday 25th October

Start of term

Monday 4th November

Children in Need

Friday 15th November

Christmas Bingo

Tuesday 10th December

End of Term (Christmas)

Friday 20th December ends at
1:30



Together we make our community RICHER



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are in need of lots of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) resources as our resource sheds have emptied over the year. If you have any of the items on the resource list attached then please bring them to the school office. We do ask that all equipment is clean and is in a condition that is safe enough to be used by children.

WELLIES—Year 1 to Year 6

Please also remember that as part of OPAL, to access the school field in all weather conditions, the children will need to keep a pair of wellies in school. Please ensure their wellies are named and then children have a year group welly shed where they will be stored.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school. Children do PE or physical activity twice a week so the PE kits should be kept in school all week. We will send PE kits home every half term however, if you wish to wash them more frequently then please ask your child to bring it home on a Friday and return it on a Monday.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival assembly for Years 1 to 6 will take place on Monday 14th October at 2pm. You are all welcome to attend.

Book Bags

If your child has lost their book bag then replacement book bags can be purchased from the school office. Second hand book bags are charged at £2.50 and new book bags are charged at £5.00.

If your child has not brought their book bag in to school at all by Monday 30th September, then we will provide your child with a book bag and send home an invoice.

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