Information for parents

Attendance and punctuality pilot project

As a school we have been asked to take part of a pilot project with our local network of schools to improve children's attendance and punctuality and reduce the number of children who are persistently absent (PA).



At the moment our attendance for the summer term is 93% and the target for all schools is to be over 97%. As you can see, we are a long way from this. We understand that Covid-19 has had an impact on attendance in all schools however we are hoping that we can work together to improve our attendance over the summer term and establish good habits with the children ready for September.

I'm sure you will agree that if your child is fit and well it is important for them to be in school every day so that we can catch up on any lost learning from lockdown.

Punctuality

At the moment we are still operating staggered starts in order to reduce any congestion at the gates. It is important therefore that you keep to these times as class teaching is starting straight away with a focus on important basic skills in maths, phonics and reading.

I have listed the start times for each class below as a gentle reminder for parents. Families can still arrive together at the class start time of the oldest child.

Year group	Gate	Morning start time	Afternoon home
			time
Year 6		8.40am	3.00pm
Year 5		8.45am	3.05pm
Year 4	Main Gate		
Year 3		8.50am	3.20pm
Year 2			
Year 1	Park Gate	8.50am	3.15pm
Reception		0.50	0.45
Nursery	Nursery Gate	8.50am	3.15pm

When is my child late?

Teachers have 10 minutes to complete their register and if your child arrives after that time they are marked as late. This will therefore have a big impact on children in years 5 and 6 at the moment as they will be classed as late from 8:50 am (Y6) and 8:55am (Y5). All other classes close their registers at 9am and if your child arrives after that they will be given a late mark and miss important teaching.

What should I do if my child is going to be absent?

Parents are responsible for informing school before 9am on the morning of the first day of absence. This can be done via Parentapp or by contacting school directly on 0151 260 8957. If no contact is made this becomes a safeguarding issue for school as we are legally bound to account for the safety of all absent children.

All Covid-19 controls and guidelines are being followed in school and if your child is displaying any Covid-19 symptoms they must have a negative PCR test result or 10 days quarantine before they can return to school.