



Attendance:

Term Dates and the School Day

Good attendance is very important to us; we want to make sure every child has a happy and positive experience of school as this will provide the foundation for good learning. We work hard to make sure each child settles into school life and enjoys coming to school. This is good for their wellbeing and learning. To do this successfully it is important that they attend regularly.

Absence from school can undermine progress and lead to underachievement and low attainment. The Curriculum taught in school moves at a rapid pace and there is very little spare time available for children to catch up with large chunks of work they have missed.

Useful Information:

- The school day begins at **8:45** and the doors close at 8:50am.
- Registration is carried out promptly to allow teaching and learning to begin.
- If you arrive after this time, please report to the school office to ensure your child is registered.
- Should you need to collect your child from school during the day, please call at the office so that your child can be officially signed out.
- If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please inform the office before 9.30am on each day of absence.
- The office phone number is 0116 2608150.
- If we have not received notification of absence, we will follow up by text or phone call to the first contact on your child's emergency form.
- Please let the office know, in advance if possible, of any known reason for absence (eg medical appointments).
- Our school day finishes at **3.15pm**. This is a change in time starting from the new academic year. Parents/Carers should wait outside the classroom doors to collect the children.

Absences:

Please bear in mind that parents do not have the right to leave of absence for holidays in term time. However, we do understand that children get poorly and it is acceptable for them to miss a little of school. Along with illness there are other exceptional reasons why children may be absent from school:

- Sickness and diarrhoea
- An infectious illness such as chicken pox, flu, or mumps or has tested positive for Covid-19 (3 days).

- ⌚ Religious festivals.
- ⌚ Doctors appointment or dental appointments (if it cannot be arranged outside of school time).
- ⌚ Death of a family member.
- ⌚ Exceptional circumstances such as weddings, funerals and extra – curricular celebrations.

It is not acceptable to have time off school for:

- ⌚ Family holidays
- ⌚ Leisure outings
- ⌚ Regular minor illness without satisfactory reason.

If there are exceptional circumstances you wish the school to consider, please complete an absence request form. These are available from the school office.

<p>The School Day</p> <p>(Foundation Stage)</p> <p>School Day Begins 8:45am</p> <p>Break 10:05 – 10:25am</p> <p>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm</p> <p>School Day Ends 3:15pm</p>	<p>AUTUMN TERM</p> <p>School opens Friday, 1st September 2023</p> <p>Mid Term Break Monday 16th – Friday, 20th October 2023</p> <p>School closes Friday, 22nd December 2023</p> <p>SPRING TERM</p> <p>School Opens Monday, 8th January 2024</p> <p>Mid Term Break Monday, 19th – Friday, 23rd February 2024</p> <p>School Closes Friday, 22nd March 2024</p> <p>SUMMER TERM</p> <p>School Opens Monday, 8th April 2024</p> <p>May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May 2024</p> <p>Mid Term Break Monday, 27th – Friday, 31st May 2024</p> <p>School Closes Friday, 12th July 2024</p>
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