

Dear Parents/ Carers

A few updates to bring to your attention:

Leave of Absence - "Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence." The Department for Education is very clear that schools should not authorise leave of absence unless there is exceptional evidence provided. The guidelines mention "As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday."

Please note: "The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school." All unauthorised leave of absence will be discussed with the Education Welfare Officer and a Fixed Penalty Fine issued by the Local Authority.

Attendance -

*The Department for Education has published a document called "Working Together to Improve Attendance" which is on our website. School will be working even closer with some families to ensure good and consistent attendance. We have set a target of at least 96% for all our pupils because if children are not in school they are not learning. We realise that children are occasionally ill and ask that if your child is not attending that you call school to discuss this. School will regularly discuss attendance concerns, and repeated absence including patterns of not attending, with parents so they can be resolved without the need to refer to the Education Welfare Officer.*

COVID isolation - [as of 12.10.2022]

NHS guidelines

If a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.

After School Club -

We are exploring the possibility of starting this again. Some parents may recall that we used to have 'Fun and Friends' provision but sadly had to stop this as the service was running at a significant loss. If there are enough requests for after school care we can begin this again. Please respond to the online survey so we can gather your opinion.

Safeguarding Policy -

Please log onto our school website to see an updated Safeguarding Policy.

Many Thanks