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School Newsletter March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have noticed in our recent Ofsted report, attendance (persistent attendance in particular) was highlighted. As such, we continue to work extremely hard to ensure that each child's attendance is at least 96%, in line with government targets - allowing for genuine illness.

It is well documented, and I have shared with you before, that full and regular attendance improves attainment and ultimately a child's progress - thus improving life chances and enabling a child to achieve their full potential.

We are very grateful that, in the main, most families support the school in ensuring their child/children are in school on time on a daily basis. However, this isn't the case for all families. As a result we have looked carefully at our attendance procedures and how these can be streamlined and rigorous, ensuring everyone is clear on the expectations. I have outlined the steps that we follow when monitoring attendance.

Attendance Procedures Flowchart

96% and above

This is the schools attendance target and your child will be on course to reach his/her full potential.

95.9% - 93%

Trigger 1 Letter

Monitor until government target of 96% is reached, if no improvement, Trigger 2 Letter will be sent.

92.9% - 90.1%

Trigger 2 Letter

Parent / Carer to meet with Attendance Officer to complete an Attendance Contract and no absences will be authorised unless medical evidence is provided, which shows that the child was unfit to attend school.
Review in 4-6 weeks.

90% and below

Trigger 3 Letter

Letter warning of no improvement and explaining that they are at risk of Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecution and meeting with Attendance Officer and Senior Leader.

Next step follow Local Authority procedure for Fixed Penalty Notice.

Kind regards
Kathryn Heyes



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Sickness

We have been hit heavily with children's absence during the past few months with many suffering from flu and viruses. Please be mindful, in particular, of the Coronavirus information that has been emailed and remind your children about washing their hands properly.

Currently our procedures around children who are absent from school with symptoms of vomiting and diarrhoea, stipulate that children should not return to school until 48 hours after their last symptoms. Going forwards, following feedback from parents and in the interests of common sense, we will leave it to parents to decide whether or not these symptoms are indeed viral in which case the 48 hour procedure will apply, or whether it is down to something else, for example an intolerance to something that has been eaten. If the latter, a child will be allowed back into school the following day, assuming that he/she feels well enough to attend.

Medical Appointments

In order to ensure that children do not miss lessons and valuable learning time, wherever possible, please ensure routine medical appointments e.g. dentist, opticians etc., are made for after school or during the 13 week school holidays.

Health Alerts

Choking

We have received a health and safety alert from Corporate Health and Safety and School Meals Services regarding the risk of choking from grapes and cherry tomatoes. Grapes and cherry tomatoes are particularly problematic due to the fact that they are round, slightly malleable and easy to swallow whole - just the right size to completely block the airways.

Recommendations have been made to Primary Schools, for Early Years and Reception children, that grapes and cherry tomatoes will be cut in half. Grapes ideally cut lengthways. Schools cannot be expected to check every packed lunch and therefore can we please ask parents for their support in making sure that if these types of snacks are placed in your child's lunchbox that they are cut in half. Thank you.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

DFE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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Feedback from Parents evening questionnaire

It was lovely to see so many parents at Parent /Teacher consultation sessions last week and thank you to all those who kindly completed our questionnaire. We are always interested in your views about our school and ways in which we can continue to develop.

126 questionnaires were completed

Question	Agree	Disagree	NA / No experience of
1. My child makes good progress at this school	98%	2%	0%
2. My child is well looked after at this school	98%	2%	0%
3. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	98%	1%	1%
4. This school deals effectively with bullying	84%	3%	13%
5. This school is well led and managed	96%	4%	0%
6. This school responds well to any concerns I raise	88%	4%	8%
7. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	94%	5% *	1%
8. Would you recommend this school to another parent	98%	2%	0%

*In October I wrote to you explaining how, in response to parents comments, we were making some changes to the way we hold our parent consultations.

We realise it is important that throughout the year that you, as parents, not only have the opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss the strengths and development points of your child's learning, but also have the opportunity to celebrate final outcomes at the end of the year. For the past few years, we have held a short parents evening in October and a longer one in February. This meant that at the end of the year, the only communication on children's successes and future targets came via a written report. However, following comments from parents, children and staff (especially those involved at year 2 and 6), we were made aware that the chance to discuss in full, achievements from the whole year, would be very much welcomed.

This year, in response to this feedback, we held a 'meet the teacher' session in November. Parents were invited to come along to their child's class and see their books. If parents wanted to discuss any general matters further, they were given the opportunity to speak to the class teacher. As usual, we had our midyear parent consultation in February and we have a further parent consultation and written report towards the end of the school year, in July.

If you have further suggestions of how you might like to be kept abreast of your child's progress, please complete the box at the end of the newsletter.

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British Science Week

At Moorfield, our vision is to ignite and foster a lifelong curiosity for science and promote a love for the subject. To celebrate British Science Week (6th-15th March 2020), we will be launching 'Milo and Marvin's Adventures in Science'. Every week you will receive an activity card via email, which will have a fun and engaging science activity for you and your child to do at home using household items. We would love to see your experiments in action so please tag us with your photos @moorfieldpschl.

Thank you

Miss Riley
Science Lead

Dates for your diary

- 06/03/20 Widnes Vikings Year 5
- 09/03/20 Cross Country Event St Peter and Paul Years 4—6
- 11/03/20 Year 5 Spring Concert Saints Peter and Paul
- 11/03/20 Starlight Clothing Collection
- 13/03/20 PTA own clothes day - Easter Egg donations
- 18/03/20 Year 4W Class Assembly 9.00am
- 18/03/20 Children of The Hub Sing -The Brindley 6.30-7.00pm
Tickets available at the school office.
- 18/03/20 Year 1 & 2 Fire Service event
- 19/03/20 EYFS Mother's Day event 2.30pm in the hall
- 23/03/20 Year 4 The Great British Spring Clean
- 23/03/20 EYFS Dylan's Reptile event
- 25/03/20 Year 1H Class assembly 9.00am
- 25/03/20 PTA Easter Bingo
- 31/03/20 EYFS Writing event 2.00-3.00pm in the school hall
- 01/04/20 Year 1 Staircase Museum
- 02/04/20 Year 2 Staircase Museum
- 01/04/20 Year 3/4C Class assembly 9.00am
- 01/04/20 Year 4 St Peter and Paul Creative day
- 01/04/20 PTA Easter Disco
- 03/04/20 School closes at 1.00pm

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Clubs

Here are the clubs that are taking place this half term:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Years</u>
Archery	Monday	Before School	All
Football	Monday	After School	3, 4, 5, 6
Cross Country	Monday	Lunch Time	4, 5, 6
Dodgeball	Tuesday	After School	3, 4, 5, 6
Fun Fitness	Tuesday	Lunch Time	3, 4, 5, 6
Sewing	Thursday	After School	

Parents' / Carers' Comments Slip

I wish to make the following comments:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____

Parent / Carer of: _____

You can print and return this form to school,

You can email your comments to

admin.moorfield@halton.gov.uk

Or there are comments slips available in Reception.