

Attending school on time every day matters

Penalty Notices Fines for Unauthorised Absence are changing from 19 August 2024

The Department for Education has introduced a new national framework, that comes into force for any Penalty Notice issued from 19 August 2024.

Per parent, per child

Penalty Notices fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent without authorisation.

National framework threshold

A Penalty Notice must be considered by all schools in England for: Unauthorised absence during a 10 school week period.

- 5 consecutive days (10 sessions) – one after the other.
- 10 non consecutive sessions – not one after the other.

The 10 school week period can go across different school terms or school years.

First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued (after 19 August 2024) for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- **£160** per parent, per child if paid within 28 calendar days.
- Discounted to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 calendar days.

Second offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- **£160** per parent, per child if paid within 28 calendar days.
- No discount for paying within 21 calendar days.

Third and any further offences

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued.

- The case will instead be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court.
- Prosecution can result in a criminal record and fine of up to £2,500.
- Cases where the defendant is found guilty in Magistrate's Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate as being due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



Impact of Your Attendance



Why is attendance important?

Research shows that pupils with high levels of school attendance are more likely to benefit from education, achieve better exam results, and go on to have more successful careers.

Regular Attendance
Regular attendance means your child can make the most of their education, improving their chances in an adult life. School will also help your child's social skills, such as making and keeping friendships.

Poor Attendance
Irregular or poor attendance at school leads to pupils underachieving and underperforming in their learning. As well as academically, it can also affect them socially and emotionally.

TOP TIPS

Make sure you go to bed early and get up on time, so that you won't be rushing

Make sure you have breakfast (or come to the school's Breakfast Club)

Help to prepare packed lunches the night before

Make sure your uniform is ready to Wear

Leave the house in plenty of time to get to school on time



Parents' Evening

There will be the opportunity on **Tuesday 21st October** between **3.15pm** and **7.00pm** to discuss the academic and social progress being made by your child(ren) with their class teacher.

Information relating to the timings of the Parents Evening will be coming out shortly, please sign up and return the document to your child's class teacher when you have received them.

We will be continuing to offer the option of coming into school to meet with your child's class teacher face to face or offering you the opportunity to receive this information through a telephone conversation. You will be able to indicate on the letter coming out after half term what your preference is.



KS2 Fruit Trolley

I wanted to share an important reminder regarding our Fruit Trolley for Key Stage 2 pupils. As you may be aware, the Government's Free Fruit Programme concludes when pupils transition into Key Stage 2. In response, we have maintained our long-standing Fruit Trolley initiative for Years 3 to 6.

This service provides our pupils with an opportunity to purchase fresh fruit during break times. Our selection includes a variety of options such as bananas, apples, pears, and oranges. Each piece of fruit is available for 20p, allowing pupils to enjoy a healthy mid-morning snack during their learning day.

We encourage pupils to take advantage of this nutritious option. If you prefer to send fruit from home, we welcome this. However, we kindly request that this is a piece of fresh fruit only and not snack bars or processed alternatives.

The Fruit Trolley continues to support our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits and providing pupils with nutritious choices throughout their school day.



Cool Milk

Families

Milk is the ideal mid-morning drink for your child and for many it's absolutely free.

School milk is...

FREE for children under the age of five.

FREE to children receiving or entitled to free school meals*.

Subsidised for all other children in primary education.

A promotional poster for Cool Milk. On the left, a cartoon boy in a blue cap and shirt is drinking from a blue can of Cool Milk. Above him, the text reads "BOOST THEIR HEALTH HYDRATION DEVELOPMENT". Below him, it says "with free & subsidised SCHOOL MILK". At the bottom left, it says "Register your child online at www.coolmilk.com". On the right, a glass of milk is being poured. Above the glass, it says "Our school works with Cool Milk to provide fresh school milk! Register online today at www.coolmilk.com". Between the boy and the glass, there is a list of benefits: "Calcium for strong bones and teeth", "Protein for muscle repair and growth", "Vitamin B12 to boost the immune system", "Vitamin B2 to aid energy release", "Potassium to regulate fluid and blood pressure", "Phosphorus to strengthen bones and generate energy in the cells", and "Iodine to support healthy cells and metabolism". At the bottom right, it says "Our milk is supplied with financial support from the Department of Health and DEFRA." and "For more information, ask a member of staff."

Term Dates:

The last day of Term is **Thursday 23rd October 2025** and we return on **Tuesday 4th November 2025**

The next INSET Day is :

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025