

Term Dates 2020 - 2021



Term 1

Staff INSET: Tuesday 1st September
Staff INSET: Wednesday 2nd September
Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September
Term Ends: Thursday 22nd October
Staff INSET: Friday 23rd October
Half Term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October inclusive
Term 2

Term Starts: Monday 2nd November
Term Ends: Friday 18th December (at 2.00pm)
Holidays: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January inclusive
Term 3

Staff INSET: Monday 4th January
Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January
Term Ends: Friday 12th February
Half Term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February inclusive
Term 4

Term Starts: Monday 22nd February
Term Ends: Thursday 1st April
Holidays: Friday 2nd – Friday 16th April inclusive
Term 5

Term Starts: Monday 19th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May
Term Ends: Friday 28th May
Half Term: Monday 31st – Friday 4th June inclusive
Term 6

Term Starts: Monday 7th June
Term Ends: Tuesday 20th July
Staff INSET: Wednesday 21st July
Holidays: Thursday 22nd July – Tuesday 31st August inclusive
Staff INSET: Wednesday 1st September

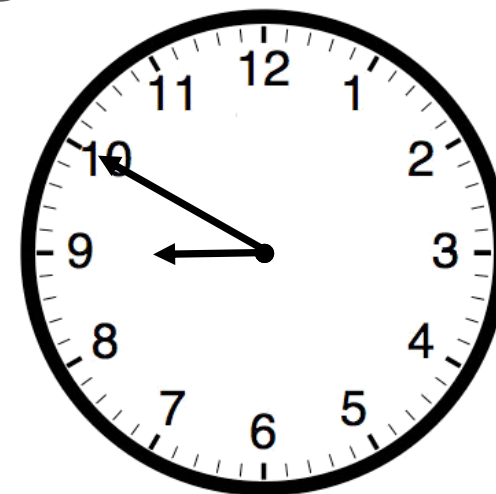
Term Time Holidays



- Taking children on holiday or out of school during term time is against the law.
- The school is not allowed to authorise absence during term time, unless there are exceptional reasons (this does NOT include sickness of a family member).
- Taking unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority.



Attendance



**and
Punctuality**

A parent and carer guide

2020

Learning today for tomorrow's world

It is extremely important that children attend school every day to enable them to make progress and achieve. Just one day's absence can mean that children find it difficult to keep up with their learning for the rest of the week, or longer.

Our attendance target is **97%** and we work extremely hard to ensure that we meet that target. We work closely with families where children are persistently absent to try and support them to improve the child's attendance.

Our Education Welfare officer visits the school regularly to monitor attendance and punctuality.

If your child's attendance is...

97%+	Well done – keep it up!
95-97%	We are monitoring your child's attendance closely.
90-95%	We are monitoring your child's attendance closely with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO). You will be invited in to meet with Mrs Desmond (Attendance Officer) or Mrs Lovatt-Young
Below 90%	This is classed as persistent absence . You will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer for a meeting.

Persistent Absence

If a child is attending for less than 90% of the time, this is classed as persistent absence. This means that a child is missing, on average, almost one day a week of his/her education. This will have a significant impact on his/her ability to achieve and often leads to anxiety about catching up. We also find that children who are frequently absent from school have difficulties with friendships and forming relationships with their peers.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



Punctuality

The school days starts at **8.50am**. All children should be in the playground when the bell rings to signal the start of the day.

Any child arriving after **8.55am** will be recorded as late.

What if my child is sick?

- Coughs and sneezes are not an excuse to stay at home.
- Being ill may prevent your child from going to school, but if he/she can get out of bed and play, or watch television, he/she should be at school!



Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school, you need to let us know. You can do this by:

- Ringing the school office before 9.30am.
- Completing a school absence form. These are available from the school office. If you do not let us know, we will code the absence as unauthorised. This can lead to EWO involvement.

If absences are prolonged and without medical authorisation, parents or carers may face court proceedings.



Medical Appointments

We request that all medical appointments are made outside of school hours. If you have to take your child to an appointment, this needs to be authorised by the Headteacher. You will need provide evidence of the appointment (booking letter etc).



Is it really serious if your child is not in school?

Yes! Look at this example:

Tom has 90% attendance. Sounds good doesn't it? But is it?

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week

90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed every year. That's 100 hours of learning!

Tom will fall behind in his learning.

Not being at school can seriously damage a child's learning!



If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Desmond.