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Attendance Newsletter - October 2024

Our school attendance target is 96%. The overall attendance so far this year is 93.13%. Thank you to all those families who are working with us to prioritise their child's learning. We appreciate your working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

★ Well done to Class 6, which has the highest attendance this term at 96.04%! ★

SPOTLIGHT ON TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

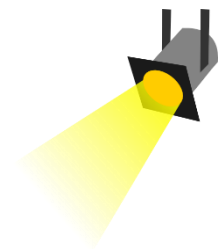
Parents/carers can be sent a Penalty Notice for taking their children out of school in term time for the purpose of a holiday. All families who take an unauthorised absence of five days or more will receive a Penalty Notice unless the circumstances are considered to be exceptional.

- Payment is payable up to £160 per child, per parent, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
 - From August 2024, only two fines can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period.
- Any second notice will automatically be charge at £160.
- Any Further Offences (within a three-year rolling period) will be referred straight to the Magistrate Court.

This could lead to:

- Prosecution under s444 (l) Education Act 1996, where if convicted you may be fined up to £1,000
- Prosecution under s444 (l) (a) Education Act 1996, where if convicted you may be fined up to £2,500 and/or 12 weeks imprisonment.

We are aware that some families take time off school and call their child in as 'off sick'. If we have reason to believe your child has been away from school due to a family holiday rather than illness, we will write to you and ask for evidence such as medication or a screen print from the GP. We believe that if your child is off school for a week, medical advice should have been sought at some point. If we do not receive this evidence, you may still be liable for a penalty notice.



ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

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FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



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Attendance Awards

This academic year, we are rewarding all children who achieve our school target of 96% attendance or above. Children will be awarded with a special badge and certificate to celebrate this achievement:

- ★ Bronze Award – awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for one full term.
- ★ Silver Award – awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for two full terms.
- ★ Gold Award – awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for three full terms.

Children will be able to wear their Bronze, Silver and Gold badges to school each day.

Can you collect all three badges?

Each week, all pupils with 100% attendance for that week, will have their names chosen to win a special prize.

Each term we will also reward children with

- Most Improved attendance
- Good Attendance
- 100% attendance for the term – **winner receives a £10 Amazon voucher.**



Don't forget to visit our Attendance Page on the school website for more information: [Attendance | Oakwood Junior School](#)

