



Welcome to the Woodgate Early Help & Attendance Newsletter

Autumn Edition

Early Help

We have had a really positive start to the new academic year. Our Early Help offer is improving all the time, which has allowed us to help many of our families in the following ways :-

Woodgate Primary School is a Pathfinder school. Our links with Pathfinder have meant we have been able to start delivery of a Psychologically Informed Parenting (PI) course and hope this is soon followed by a Non Violent Resistance (NVR) course—both of which help strengthen families by suggesting strategies to manage your children's behaviour.

We are working in conjunction with BAES and about to launch our first ESOL course to parents who would like to improve their English speaking, reading and writing skills

Our Woodgate Pantry and Wardrobe continue to be available to all families who are feeling the pinch. Please do contact the school if you are in need of a food parcel or pre-loved uniform.

Once again we have started working with Malachi and one of their workers, Anna has come on board to support and strengthen our families.

We are committed to forging links with as many community organisations as possible. For example we have relationships with local baby banks, second hand uniform and furniture organisations and can reach out to them should you ever be in need.

Current attendance figures

Attendance from 4th September 2024 to 7th October 2024			
Whole School Attendance = 95%			
Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RT	96.0	RHG	95.1
1S	94.6	1T	94.1
2B	93.8	2H	98.1
3P	95.2	3A	96.5
4S	97.0	4G	96.0
5D	95.3	5S	90.3
6A	93.4	6M	96.1

Attendance

We would like to thank so many of our families who ensure their child attends school regularly. This shows a commitment to their child's learning and progress. Despite the wet, cold weather over half of our pupils have not missed a single day of school. Well done to those pupils!

Unfortunately over **40** pupils have already missed 3 school days or more during the first half term. **These pupils will now have attendance below 90% and their education is likely to be suffering.** Regular school attendance has a clear link to progress and is also a **legal requirement**.

If you are experiencing any difficulties which may be affecting your child's school attendance, please contact Mrs Davies or Mrs Williams via the School Office

Fines issued

Last term there was a large increase in the number of requests for leave in term time. **21** parents received a penalty notice relating to unauthorised absence from Woodgate Primary.

Please see the next page for important information on changes to the National Framework to Penalty Notices, which includes an increase in the Penalty Notice rate.



Attendance News

We wanted to remind you of the changes made by the Department for Education regarding school attendance and the National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence.

These regulations came into effect from 19th of August 2024.

The national framework includes:

A single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered of ten sessions (a day is made up of 2 sessions) for any unauthorised absence within a rolling ten school week period. The 10-week period may span different terms or school years.

For example, two sessions of unauthorised absence in the summer term and a further eight during the autumn term.

An increase to the rate of a penalty notice from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days and £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days. If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, the notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at £80.

A national limit of two penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another tool must be considered (such as prosecution or another attendance legal intervention).

Woodgate Primary School continues to work in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance. A big thank you to the majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly, particularly during the cost of living crisis.

Did you know?

Unauthorised absence isn't just leave in term time that hasn't been approved. Your child can receive an unauthorised mark for arriving late after the registers have closed at 9:30am and for being absent without providing a reason to school.

Rewarding Good Attendance

Has your child been talking about the H.E.R.O. (Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time) reward scheme that we have running in school?

Every week your child attends school and on time they are awarded points. Children can save and spend their points in the Attendance Rewards Shop. Take a look at the prizes on offer.

Pupils at Woodgate really enjoyed choosing their prizes last year when we trialled the scheme. Please encourage your child to be an Attendance H.E.R.O. this year!

