Bosley Bulletin

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ATTENDANCE TAKEOVER!

A BOSLEY BULLETIN ATTENDANCE SPECIAL

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

ARE YOU AN ATTENDANCE HERO?

BEING IN SCHOOL ISN'T JUST ABOUT LESSONS!

It's about learning, friendships, confidence, routines and belonging. Every day gives children another opportunity to flourish.

WHAT DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE REALLY MEAN?

100%	=	0 days of lost learning
95%	=	around 9½ days of lost learning
90%	=	around 19 days of lost learning
85%	=	around 28½ days of lost learning
80%	=	around 38 days of lost learning

Based on a 190-day school year.

DID YOU KNOW?

Attendance in Year 1 matters all the way to GCSEs!

Research shows that children who miss more school in Year 1 are more likely to achieve lower GCSE results later on.

EVERY DAY HELPS CHILDREN TO...

- LEARN
- MAKE FRIENDS
- BELONG
- BUILD CONFIDENCE

HERE EVERY DAY, READY ON TIME!

SCHOOL DAYS ARE NOT HOLIDAY DAYS!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY.

Taking children out of school during term time means missed learning, missed opportunities and time away from friends. Even a few days can create gaps that are hard to close.



CAN HOLIDAYS BE AUTHORISED?

Term-time holidays will not normally be authorised. Headteachers can only grant leave in exceptional circumstances. Requests must be made in writing, in advance.

WHEN CAN A PENALTY NOTICE BE CONSIDERED?

A penalty notice may be considered when a child has 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) within a rolling 10-school-week period.

FIRST NOTICE:

£80

Per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Rises to **£160** if paid within 28 days.

SECOND NOTICE IN 3 YEARS:

£160

Per parent, per child.

FURTHER UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE MAY LEAD TO LEGAL ACTION.



WHAT COULD THIS MEAN?

For two parents and two children, an unauthorised holiday could mean four separate penalty notices.

PLEASE PLAN HOLIDAYS OUTSIDE TERM TIME.

YOUR ATTENDANCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

MY CHILD ISN'T FEELING WELL. SHOULD I SEND THEM IN?

Unless your child is genuinely too unwell to manage the school day, please bring them in. Children often perk up once they're with their friends and settled into their routine. We can make adjustments, such as keeping them indoors at break or lunchtime. If they become too unwell to stay, we'll give you a call.

MY CHILD IS TIRED. SHOULD I KEEP THEM AT HOME?

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Please bring them in! More often than not, children feel brighter and more alert once they're in school, learning and spending time with their friends.

MY CHILD IS ANXIOUS OR DOESN'T WANT TO COME TO SCHOOL. WHAT CAN I DO?

We know how difficult these mornings can be. Please give us a call rather than keeping your child at home. Often, getting into school and joining familiar routines can really help. We can arrange to meet you at the gate, offer breakfast or put other practical support in place to make the start of the day easier.

MY CHILD HAS A MEDICAL OR DENTAL APPOINTMENT. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Please arrange appointments outside school hours or during the holidays wherever possible. If an appointment during school time is unavoidable, try to book it as late in the day as possible to minimise missed learning. Your child should attend school before or after the appointment whenever they can.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS AN ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITION?

We understand that some children have additional medical needs. Our Children with Medical Needs Policy explains our approach, and we'll always work with families to make reasonable adjustments and support attendance wherever possible.

HOW DO I REPORT AN ABSENCE?

Please telephone our absence line or report through Compass every day your child is absent. We may call you back to discuss the absence, even if you've already provided a reason. Please don't be offended – it's part of working together to make sure every child is safe, well and attending regularly.

DOES BEING FIVE MINUTES LATE REALLY MATTER?

Absolutely! Just five minutes late each day adds up to almost

3 DAYS
of lost learning across a school year!

Arriving on time helps children settle, feel included and start their learning alongside their classmates.

WHAT IF WE'RE STRUGGLING TO GET OUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL REGULARLY?

Please talk to us. We're here to help, not to judge. The sooner we know there's a difficulty, the sooner we can work together to find practical solutions and get things back on track.

IF IN DOUBT, TALK TO US!

HERE EVERY DAY, READY ON TIME!


BOSLEY ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ARE YOU AN ATTENDANCE HERO?
ATTENDANCE HEROES
HERE EVERY DAY, READY ON TIME!
Our Attendance Heroes are helping to make attendance a positive focus across school, encouraging everyone to be in school, on time, every day they can be.
THE INCENTIVE
Children with great attendance will be celebrated with:
recognition in our assemblies
stickers and certificates
special rewards and events throughout the year