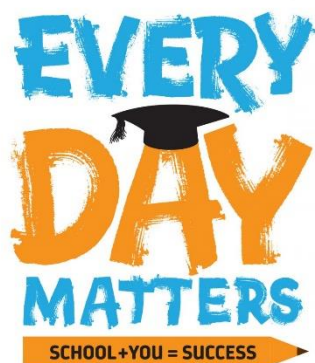




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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



A message from our Attendance Lead Mrs Pitfield

Good attendance at school is not just valuable in terms of academic progress but also for the hidden curriculum of social and emotional development which forms the basis of skills needed for life. Regular days of absence from school means that these valuable opportunities are missed for your child. There may be days when your child is understandably not able to come to school, however, the more we see them the more they will thrive within the Pinehurst community and beyond!



Keeping track of the term dates and not missing the first day of term is important for school attendance.

Add to your diary, calendar, phone now that the children return from school holidays on **MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER** and **TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**.

Autumn Term 2022

INSET Day: Thursday 1st September

INSET Day: Friday 2nd September

Children return: Monday 5th September

Half term: Monday 24th to Friday 28th October

INSET Day: Monday 31st October

Children return: Tuesday 1st November

Ends: Wednesday 21st December

Christmas break: Thursday 22nd December to Tuesday 3rd January

Children return: Wednesday 4th January 2023

**WHAT IS THE
ROLE OF AN
EDUCATION
WELFARE
OFFICER?**



Carol Deering is our Education Welfare Officer who primarily supports school and families where attendance becomes a concern.

**97+% Attendance
Target**

What is your
attendance?



Attend today, succeed
tomorrow



Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week may not seem like a lot but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...						
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years!	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Your Child</td><td><div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div></td></tr> <tr><td>Other Children</td><td><div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div></td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2">Equivalent to finishing in Year 10</td></tr> </table>	Your Child	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div>	Other Children	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	Equivalent to finishing in Year 10	
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If your child isn't well enough to attend school then you must call EVERY DAY to provide a reason. We must know why children are not present on a daily basis as part of our safeguarding duty.

If your child is persistently absent or has a history of persistent absenteeism medical evidence will be requested to confirm the reason for their absence.

Thank you for your cooperation.



THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY FOR YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

Gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am when the register is taken and learning starts.

Your child's punctuality is critical to their success.

If they are late to school they miss out on the start of the first lesson of the day.

On time is before 5 to 9, 8.55am.



From the 1st September 2013, the new law does not give entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.

Parents can be fined by the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school. A fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued to you in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the rate is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid with 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Following some lenience after COVID please note that **all** term time holidays will be **unauthorised** in 2022-23 and fines will be issued.

Liverpool Attendance Charter

As agencies

- We believe that school attendance is everyone's business. We will act accordingly; supporting parents and carers to prioritise school attendance.
- We know that school attendance is vital to improving life chances. Any absence can affect how well children achieve in school and can expose children to safeguarding risks.
- We will challenge poor attendance when needed.
- We understand that educational neglect through poor attendance is detrimental to children.
- All agencies will prioritise attendance at school for all children. We will work together to encourage and improve the attendance of children regardless of where they live and attend school.
- We understand that good attendance is essential from the start of a child's education.
- We will establish strong patterns of attendance with our youngest children.
- We recognise the impact of our own behaviours and will role model good attendance for children and young people. Within our own agencies and organisations, we will address attendance concerns and strive to improve staff attendance.
- We will acknowledge and champion outstanding and improved attendance.
- We will look to identify practice within our agencies which encourages good school attendance with the families we work with.



together
we make a difference