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Kingfisher Primary Letter No. 7

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Parking near the school site and considerate road use

We have received a number of complaints from families and the school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and afternoons, including parking on the zig-zag lines outside school and parking across private driveways. We have also had complaints about parents and children not crossing the road with due care and attention, putting themselves, other pedestrians and the drivers of any cars near the school in danger.

We speak to the children regularly about road safety and keeping safe when crossing the road. You can help us to ensure children have a happy and safe journey into school each morning by considering one of the following:

Walking wherever possible

Not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise, but it supports the local community with congestion. In addition, it is much better for the environment.

Cycling or scooting

We have plenty of spaces to lock a bicycle or scooter inside the school gates.

Parking responsibly

As with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited.

Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Attendance

Even though this time of year is difficult with the weather and dark mornings, we still all have a legal duty to ensure our children will reach their potential by attending school if they are able. All the evidence clearly shows that pupils with excellent attendance achieve better at school.

Like all parents, you will be wanting your child to do the best they can at school, and we are grateful for the crucial role you play in supporting them to do this. In particular, supporting them to attend on time each day, as well as supporting them to complete homework is part of the reason our children achieve as well as they do.

However, families that have taken holidays in term time, for whatever reason, are having a significant impact on attendance and therefore on the achievement of some pupils. As a school, we have always had excellent attendance but we are now showing a worrying downward trend for some. We need your support to reverse this.

Doncaster have published their holiday dates up to July 2024 (you can view this along with the newsletter or on the Doncaster Council Website, as we follow the Doncaster school holiday pattern). Hopefully this will help you book holidays during school holiday periods in advance. **Holidays in term time will not be authorised.**

Central government are expecting **local authorities** to fine families who have unauthorised holiday absence in the school year. This is per child. This is not something we want to happen to any of our families, especially after Christmas, but this data is collected from our attendance registers on a regular basis.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



SNOW POLICY SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, families should take the following advice about the possibility of school closure. Whenever possible, Kingfisher Primary will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff, some of whom travel a great distance into school each day. Should the need arise, in severe weather a decision will be made by 7.30 am if the school is to be closed. A text message alert will be sent informing you of school closure. I will also ring radio Trax FM (107.1 FM) snowline and ask them to broadcast the relevant information. We ask families not to ring the radio station themselves as it blocks the lines and schools have been unable to get through to announce closures. The closure will also be announced on the school website at <http://www.kingfisherprimary.org.uk/> and notices will be placed on the school gates. I would ask all families to check for a text message or listen to the radio if heavy snow is falling or has fallen overnight or if there is other extreme weather and there have been school closures announced. Please do not telephone the school before 8.30am. If you do arrive at school, please do not leave your children without confirming that the school is to remain open.

If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. Please do not telephone in these circumstances, just call into school to collect the children. Phone lines do become extremely blocked as you can imagine. Our aim is to open every day but hopefully, this information will give some clarity.



Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% and our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.8%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

Class	Current Attendance
1	93.0%
2	92.0%
3	94.0%
4	94.0%
5	93.0%
6	96.0%
7	93.0%
8	96.0%
9	94.0%
10	95.0%
11	95.0%
12	94.0%
13	96.0%
14	95.0%

School Matters!



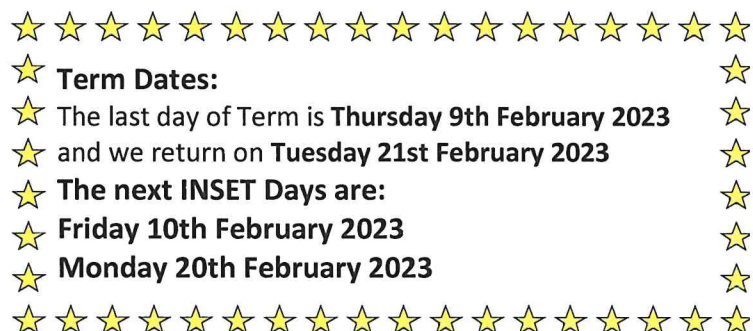
Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Let us know if...

There has been change of contact details: If anyone has been lucky enough to have a new phone for Christmas, please make sure that the office have been given the details so that we can update our contact systems. Also if you have any changes to your address or email details. Thank you.

Changes in medical needs: Has your child been recently diagnosed with anything that school should know about? Are they now Asthmatic and require an Asthma Care Plan? All these things school should be aware of. If your child requires medication a form must be completed before school can administer anything.

Changes in circumstances: If you feel there has been a change within the family which you think could affect your child and we should be aware of. By us knowing this helps us to monitor your child and help if required.





Doncaster Council

2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR

For Community Primary, Community Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units

September (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October (17 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November (22 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January (18 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February (16 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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April (12 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May (17 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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June (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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July (17 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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August

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- Bank Holidays
- School Holidays
- Closing Date for Nursery Applications
- Closing Date for Secondary Applications
- Closing Date for Reception Classes and Year 3 into Junior Schools

Individual Dates May Vary: For Academies and Church Schools - please check with the School.
195 days: Includes 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.
Contact: Learning Provision Organisation Team (Admissions), Doncaster Council, Civic Building, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU email admissions@doncaster.gov.uk Tel. 01302 736754

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