

## Attending school on time every day matters

### Penalty Notices Fines for Unauthorised Absence are changing from 19 August 2024

The Department for Education has introduced a new national framework, that comes into force for any Penalty Notice issued from 19 August 2024.

#### Per parent, per child

Penalty Notices fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent without authorisation.

#### National framework threshold

A Penalty Notice must be considered by all schools in England for: Unauthorised absence during a 10 school week period.

- 5 consecutive days (10 sessions) – one after the other.
- 10 non consecutive sessions – not one after the other.

The 10 school week period can go across different school terms or school years.

#### First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued (after 19 August 2024) for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- **£160** per parent, per child if paid within 28 calendar days.
- Discounted to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 calendar days.

#### Second offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- **£160** per parent, per child if paid within 28 calendar days.
- No discount for paying within 21 calendar days.

#### Third and any further offences

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued.

- The case will instead be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court.
- Prosecution can result in a criminal record and fine of up to £2,500.
- Cases where the defendant is found guilty in Magistrate's Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate as being due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



## Impact of Your Attendance



## Why is attendance important?

Research shows that pupils with high levels of school attendance are more likely to benefit from education, achieve better exam results, and go on to have more successful careers.

**Regular Attendance**  
Regular attendance means your child can make the most of their education, improving their chances in an adult life. School will also help your child's social skills, such as making and keeping friendships.

**Poor Attendance**  
Irregular or poor attendance at school leads to pupils underachieving and underperforming in their learning. As well as academically, it can also affect them socially and emotionally.

# TOP TIPS

Make sure you go to bed early and get up on time, so that you won't be rushing

Make sure you have breakfast (or come to the school's Breakfast Club)

Help to prepare packed lunches the night before

Make sure your uniform is ready to Wear

Leave the house in plenty of time to get to school on time



## Parents' Evening

There will be the opportunity on **Tuesday 15th October 2024** between **3.15pm** and **7.00pm** to discuss the academic and social progress being made by your child(ren) with their class teacher.

Information relating to the timings of the Parents Evening will be coming out shortly, please sign up and return the document to your child's class teacher when you have received them.

We will be continuing to offer the option of coming into school to meet with your child's class teacher face to face or offering you the opportunity to receive this information through a telephone conversation. You will be able to indicate on the letter coming out after half term what your preference is.



## Could you be a Parent Governor for Kingfisher Primary?

School governing boards are one of the largest volunteer groups in the country. Their main responsibilities are to support the Principal, and Senior Leadership Team at a strategic level support policies and targets for achieving the schools aims / objectives and to develop an understanding of the monitoring and evaluation of the progress the school is making towards achieving these. All governors attend the full governing board meetings that take place twice per term.

Each governor also has a link governor role, which means they take a lead on understanding a particular area of the school improvement plan to ensure it is progressing as expected.

We are currently looking to elect a Parent Governor here at Kingfisher. If you are interested in joining and feel you have the skills/knowledge/experience that will contribute to the Governing body, then please contact the school office who can provide you with an information pack and discuss next steps.



## Cool Milk

### Families

Milk is the ideal mid-morning drink for your child and for many it's absolutely free.

### School milk is...

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- ✓ Protein for muscle repair and growth
- ✓ Vitamin B12 to boost the immune system
- ✓ Vitamin B2 to aid energy release
- ✓ Potassium to regulate fluid and blood pressure
- ✓ Phosphorus to strengthen bones and generate energy in the cells
- ✓ Iodine to support healthy cells and metabolism

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Register your child online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

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### Term Dates:

The last day of Term is **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024** and we return on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The next INSET Day is :

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**