

Parents' Attendance – September 2020/21

Attendance and Punctuality in the Jessop Stockwell Federation.

What the Law says:

“Duty of parents to secure education of children of compulsory school age.”

‘The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause them to receive efficient full-time education suitable — (a) to their age, ability and aptitude, and (b) to any special educational needs they may have, either by **regular** attendance at school or otherwise.’ - **Education Act 1996 Section 7**

“Attending school "regularly" means attendance in accordance *with the rules prescribed by the school. This means that a child must attend school on every day that the school requires him or her to do so.*” - Supreme Court ruling

Legally the School has to be open for 190 days. Therefore regular attendance requires a child to be in school for that amount of time.

- School gates will be open from **8:45am for bubble A, 9:00am for bubble B, 9:15am for bubble C (Stockwell only)**
- Children will be collected by their class teachers at allocated gates and bubble times
- The school day starts at **8:45am for bubble A, 9:00am for bubble B, 9:15am for bubble C (Stockwell only)**

We ask that children arrive early enough for them to be settled and ready to learn when the School day begins

“Authorised” and “Unauthorised” absences

- We ask that when your child is going to be absent that you inform the School in advance. This can be done by showing an appointment letter or text message showing where your child will be. This will allow the School to authorise the absence. If your child is unwell, we ask that you call before 08.30 and let us know.
- If you do not notify the School when your child is absent, the absence will be unauthorised. Unauthorised absences can lead to fines, and possibly Court.

Lateness

- The school day begins at 8:45am for bubble A, and 9:00am for bubble B. This is the time that children should be in their class, ready to learn.
- The impact of children being even a few minutes late everyday has a big effect on their learning, and at times can affect them as they grow by setting negative patterns of behaviour.

Holidays

- By Law the School is not allowed to authorise extra holiday during term time.
- If for any reason you need to travel, we ask that you make an appointment to see the Attendance Officer, Miss Senel, and have a discussion with her.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) absence

My Child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms:

- Child should not attend school
- Child should get a test
- Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results
- Inform school immediately about test results
- Negative test return to school fever free after 48 hours

My child test positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms:

- Child should not attend school
- Child must self-isolate for 14 days from when symptoms first started
- Inform school immediately about test results
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from when symptoms first started

Somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms:

- Child should not attend school
- Household member with symptoms must get tested
- Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results
- Inform school immediately about test results

Somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus):

- Child should not attend school
- Whole household must self-isolate for 14 days from when symptoms first started

NHS test and trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of a confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus) case:

- Child should not attend school
- Child self-isolates for 14 days (even if they test negative during those 14 days)
- Whole household only self-isolates if they are a 'close contact' too

We/ my child has travelled and has to self - isolate as part of a period of quarantine:

- Do not take unauthorised leave in term time
- Consider quarantine requirements and FCO (Foreign Commonwealth Office) advice when booking travel
- If returning from quarantine destination child should not attend school for 14 days even if they test negative

**** Symptoms include at least one of these: high temperature, a new contagious cough, a loss of or change to sense of smell or taste.**