

Attendance Newsletter – Spring 1 (09/02/24)

Important Information

- Attendance Manager – Miss McQueenie. D.mcqueenie@fulwoodacademy.co.uk
- Attendance office email – used to report absence – Attendance@fulwoodacademy.co.uk Or call 01772 719060
- Click here for Attendance Information on the school website.

Firstly, and most importantly, a BIG well done and thank you to all students who have achieved over 95% attendance so far this year. Over 500 pupils have achieved 95% attendance or above and of those 400 pupils have achieved 100% attendance so far this term!! Keep up the good work.

Did you know?

Each half term pupils who have 97% attendance, no lates and no more than 3 behaviour points have been invited on a reward experience in this final week of the half term. Last half term 155 pupils missed out on this experience as they had missed between ½ and 1½ days of school!! The competition starts again in Spring Term 2 with a new rewards experience. You have got to be in it to win it.

At Fulwood Academy, alongside the Department of Education, we track attendance every day. A pupil's excellent attendance is fundamental to excellent progress, so being present every day at school is vital.

What to do if your child cannot attend school?

On the first day of absence, parents should telephone or email the Attendance office before 9.00am to inform them of the reason for the pupil's absence and the likely duration of the absence. Email address: attendance@fulwoodacademy.co.uk

- Where no information has been received by 9.00am on the first day of absence, the school will telephone home of the absent pupil to enquire regarding the absence. We may also conduct a home visit to see if we can support with a speedy return to school.
- Often a child will wake up in the morning saying they 'feel unwell'. Whilst we do encourage children to come into school even if they feel 'a little unwell', we do not want any child who is genuinely ill to come to school. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather' for example with a runny nose, headache, or stomach ache. The school will always contact you if your child is unwell, which is why it is vitally important that we have your correct contact details. Injuries are not acceptable reasons to be absent from school unless they require medical treatment.

Authorised or Unauthorised

The responsibility for deciding whether an absence is authorised or not authorised is the Principal's. Parents should be aware that merely providing an explanation for their child's absence does not automatically constitute an 'authorisation' for this absence. This is the Principal's decision alone. If your child receives 10 unauthorised marks or 10 late marks (after the register closes) within a term, this may result in a Penalty Notice being requested.

Pharmacy First: What you need to know.

Parents can now get treatment for their children for seven common conditions directly from their local pharmacy without the need for a GP appointment or prescription. The Pharmacy First scheme was launched by the government and NHS England on 31st January 2024 to give patients quick and accessible care to ease the pressure on GP services.

If you are unable to get a GP appointment on the same day, you can attend your local pharmacy for support. 95% of pharmacies have signed up in the UK to scheme.



Punctuality

Punctuality is important. Pupils should arrive at school by 8.40am and be in their tutor room by 8.45am. Late arrivals can be recorded as unauthorised absences, as they mean lost learning time. Since January pupils who arrive late will receive an after-school detention the same day. **Please note the LA will be issuing Penalty Notices for any pupil with 10 late marks.**

Home Visits

Fulwood Academy work in partnership with the Local Authority. Together we will be carrying out Home Visits twice a week to all absent pupils that day. The purpose of these visits is to support our families and pupils in getting back to school and avoiding further absence. These visits will be on different days each week.

Transport

You are eligible for a free school bus pass if you meet the following criteria.

- If you live two or more miles away and attend the nearest school and your child is eligible for free school meals or you receive, the maximum amount of Working Tax Credits (low-income families)
- If you live three miles or more away and your child attends the nearest school.
- If you are a low income family and your child attends one of the three nearest schools between 2 and 6 miles.

If you would like support with applying for the free bus pass, please contact Miss McQueenie (email provided above)