

Attendance Newsletter – Spring 2

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 Option 1

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 with a massive 400 pupils achieving 100% attendance this half term!! Keep up the good work.

Did you know?

National average secondary attendance is currently 91% and we are currently 92.3%. We continue to strive to have our pupils in school and learning every day. We are here to support you and your child in achieving the best attendance possible.

Each half term pupils who have at least 97% attendance, no lates and no more than 3 behaviour points are invited on a reward experience in the last week of the half term. Last half term over 200 pupils were invited to this experience as they had not missed any days of school. The competition starts again in Summer Term 1 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. We will contact you if we have concerns about your child's attendance but please do contact the academy if you have any concerns or need any support. We are keen to work with you to help your child achieve their full potential. 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 the 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.
- 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. 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. The school will always contact you if your child is unwell which is why it is also vitally important that we have your correct contact details. Injuries are not an acceptable reason to be absent from school unless they require medical treatment.

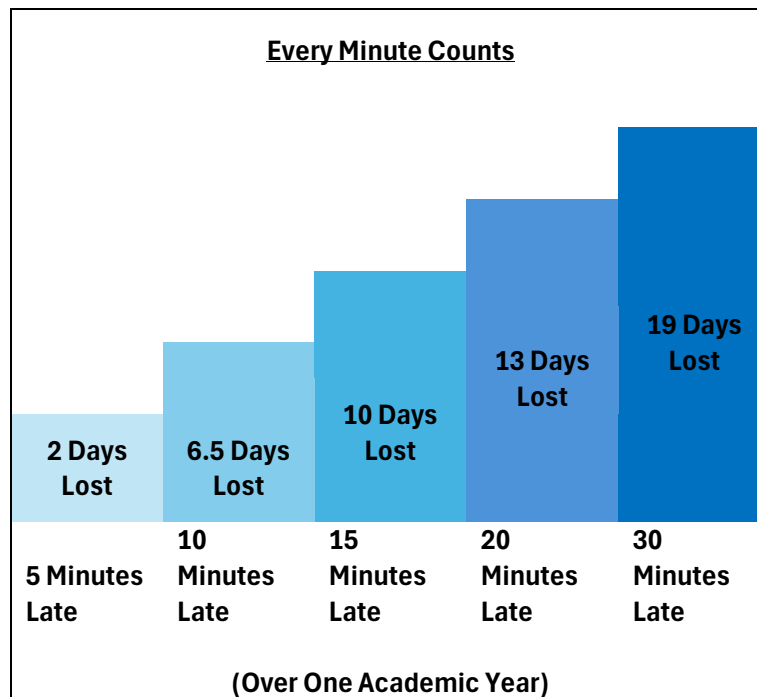
Authorised or Unauthorised

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.

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. From after Easter pupils who arrive late will receive an after-school detention the same day.

If you arrive late to school every day your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a year adds up to lost learning time. **Please note from January 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. 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)

Pharmacy First

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.

No Doctor's Appointment?

No Problem!

YOU can now access support for **SEVEN COMMON CONDITIONS** without the need to see your GP. Come in and speak to your Local Healthcare Team **TODAY.**

			
Female UTI infections From ages 16-64	Earache From ages 1-17	Sore Throat From ages 5-65+	Sinusitis From ages 12-65+
			
Impetigo From ages 1-65+	Shingles From ages 18-65+	Insect Bites From ages 1-65+	