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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Pupil Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please inform the school office at the earliest possible opportunity. This will ensure our records are up-to-date and accurate.

Leave of absence including holidays in term time

All evidence shows that pupils achieve better in school when they have good attendance.

We ask parents to apply six weeks in advance for a leave of absence, including a holiday in term-time. Parents should fill in a leave of absence request form; this is available from the school's reception. Parents will be informed as soon as possible if a request can be authorised.

Careful consideration will be given to each request for a leave of absence. However, government legislation means that it is unlikely that any leave of absence, including term-time holidays, can be authorised by school. School works closely with the local authority who will issue penalty notice fines for unauthorised absences, including unauthorised term-time holidays.

Penalty Notice Fines are £120 per parent/carer per child when paid within 28 days or reduced to £60 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. If the fine is not paid, the parent/carer will be prosecuted.

School Health and Safety

Medical Update/ Information

We remind parents and carers that school is only permitted to administer prescribed medicines.

'Only named medicines clearly marked with the child's name and class will be accepted into school and only if it is necessary for a child to take four doses daily. It will be kept in the school office and will be the child's responsibility. All medicine must be in the original package and have the strength and dosage required.'

If your child requires four doses of a prescribed medicine per day, you must speak with Miss Dowden or Mrs Wychrij at the school office before administration in school. Both Miss Dowden and Mrs Wychrij have completed the necessary training to record and administer medication in school (Safe Handling and Administration of Medication, Level 2).



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To facilitate this, I strongly suggest and urge parents/carers to attend school BEFORE the school office becomes busy (ideally before 8.35am). Specific details (pupil name, medication type, dose, and frequency) of any prescribed medication administered will need to be recorded. Parental consent (via signature) is also required BEFORE administration in school.

The full policy for Medicines in School is laid out in the School Medical Policy and available upon request.

Asthma

Children who have been diagnosed as asthmatic must always have a reliever/ inhaler in school. Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential.

Please update school if your child's medical condition/ health changes over the course of the school year.

Local Authority Health and Safety Directive

PE: Kits and Earrings

In line with our PE dress code, we expect children to have their PE kits in school on their designated PE day (this information will be shared by your child's class teacher). As a guide we recommend the following:

A pair of shorts

A T-shirt (NO cropped tops. They are unsuitable for some contact sports)

A tracksuit/long sleeve top/jogging bottoms (For use in winter/outdoor PE if applicable)

Sports specific trainers (Trainers that offer both protection and traction)

Earrings worn by pupils must be removed before a PE lesson or covered with plasters (if the latter is the case, we recommend that a spare box of plasters is sent to school which will be retained for future lessons).

The most sensible (and cheapest!) way to adhere to this directive is for a pupil NOT to wear earrings on days when they have PE timetabled. This will save time, prevent potential pupil distress (removing or covering earrings), and advert potential loss of property (earrings being 'lost' upon removal).

In addition, I remind parents/carers that our School Uniform Policy (as circulated, July and September 2022) stipulates:

General Appearance: Earrings and Other Jewellery

Earrings: please ensure if your child arrives at school wearing an earring/pair of earrings, that they are small, discreet, and importantly, lie 'flat' to the ear. This message follows instruction from Oldham Council's Health and Safety Team to avoid an earring being 'caught' during playtime/lunchtime and potentially causing significant injury.

'Hoop' type earrings, 'large' earrings, and earrings that 'dangle' from the ear is not permitted in school.

In general, no jewellery is allowed in school other than a wristwatch. This includes no rings (or any other finger jewellery) and no jewellery worn around the neck please.

Also, no false nails (all types). Nail extensions or decorated fingernails are not allowed for safety reasons, and which may potentially inhibit learning within some curriculum areas.

Nails should be natural and kept short. Clear nail varnish is permitted.



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Car park and turning circle

Please drive sensibly in and around the school car park. At present, a small number of parents are still blocking the car park entrance which decreases the visibility of other parents and pupils who cross there on their journey home.

In addition, I ask all parents who travel to school by car to ensure that the speed they adopt is appropriate to a school environment. At 'drop off' and collection, all drivers need to 'expect the unexpected' and as such curtail their speed to reflect this.

Please be extra vigilant at this time of the year on your journey to and from school.

School opening/ start times

The gate to the rear school yard will be open at 8.10am each day. The school office is open at 8.15am each day.

PLEASE BE ON TIME. Good punctuality is essential to your child's Reading/ Phonics progress at school. This is usually the first lesson of the day.

Year Group	Arrival (lessons begin) time	Collection (finish) time
Nursery	8.45am	2.45pm
Reception	8.50am	2.50pm

Year Group	Arrival (lessons begin) time	Collection (finish) time
Year 1 & 2	8.55am	2.55pm
Year 3 & 4	8.55am	3.00pm
Year 5 & 6	8.50am	3.05pm

Please note that the school opening (lessons begin) time and closing (finish) time will be changing from Monday 20th February. This is a directive from the Department for Education (DfE) which states that ALL schools (with children of a statutory school age) MUST be OPEN to pupils for a total of 32 hours and 30 minutes per week (likely to be 6 hours and 30 minutes per day), to commence in 2023.

You will shortly receive information that details new *proposed* school opening and closing times that will satisfy this directive.

I stress, this change will be necessary to meet the DfE directive. How this change will 'look' is still at the planning stage, but I must forewarn parents and carers alike, it will inevitably lead to greater traffic congestion at the busy time of pupil drop-off and pupil collection.

Home and school communication

Please note that on your caller ID the school number may appear as 0161 770 0000, and not 0161 7703140



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END OF AUTUMN TERM EVENTS, 2022

Monday 21st November: Wear Red, White and Blue Day to launch England's World Cup campaign. England men start their campaign against Iran (1pm kick off)

Monday 5th December (green ticket day): **Infant** (class 4,5 and 6) **Christmas Nativity** for parents; **9.30am** in the school hall. A ticket letter has already been circulated.

Tuesday 6th December (yellow ticket day): **Infant** (class 4, 5 and 6) **Christmas Nativity** for parents; **9.30am** in the school hall

Wednesday 7th December (Christmas tree ticket day): **Reception Christmas Nativity** for parents **supported by Year 3 & 4 choir @ 9.45am** in the school hall. A ticket letter has already been circulated.

Thursday 8th December (Snowman ticket day): **Reception Christmas Nativity** for parents **supported by Year 3 & 4 choir @ 9.45am** in the school hall

Thursday 8th December: Nursery Christmas Craft Session with parents/carers (afternoon)

Wednesday 14th December: School Christmas Dinner Day. Packed lunch children are invited to bring a Christmas themed packed lunch on this day.

Wednesday 14th December: 'Dress Christmassy Day' for all pupils (a bespoke letter will be circulated before the event including details of the local charity school is supporting this year)

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Party Day for all pupils (a bespoke letter will be circulated before the event including details of what to wear on this day)

Please note that the Infant and Reception/Year 3 & 4 Nativities are ticket only events.

End of the autumn term – Thursday 15th 2022

This is the last *pupil day* of the autumn term. School will close on this day at the *usual* times stated previously.

Scheduled INSET day- REMINDER

As detailed in the holiday pattern circulated at the end of the summer term and again at the beginning of this term, school will be closed to PUPILS on Friday 16th December 2022 to facilitate staff training (INSET).

The new spring term begins on: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School will open for the spring term on this day. Again, at the start times previously illustrated.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

M Roberts

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