

West Park Primary's Family Support Newsletter.



Being late.

What it means in Lost Learning Opportunities

OVER A SCHOOL YEAR:

- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days lost from your school year!
- 10 minutes late every day = 6 ½ days lost!
- 15 minutes late every day = 10 days lost = 2 school weeks!
- 20 minutes late every day = 13 days lost!
- 30 minutes late every day = 19 days lost = 1 month of education!

Every school day counts.

There are 365 days in each calendar year
175 of these are NON SCHOOL days
190 of these are SCHOOL days

100% attendance = 190 days of education

- 95% attendance = 180 days in school = 10 days missed = 2 weeks absent
- 90% attendance = 171 days in school = 19 days missed = 4 weeks absent (1 whole month absent!)
- 85% attendance = 161 days in school = 29 days missed = 6 weeks absent
- 80% attendance = 38 days in school = MORE THAN HALF A TERM ABSENT
- 75% attendance = 143 days in school = 47 missed = Over 9 weeks absent from school
- 75% attendance = Over 9 weeks of Lost Learning opportunities.

Appointments.

If your child has an appointment in the school day please can we ask you provide the office with evidence, otherwise your child will be marked down as unauthorised.

We would ask that you try to make all appointments after the school day, but we understand this cannot always be the case.

School uniform.

As we are all aware, prices of clothes are really expensive at the moment.

We are looking to have in school spare uniform, additional coats, shoes to support anyone who needs the extra help.

If you have any uniforms which are still in good condition and don't fit, school coats or shoes please hand them in.

Queen Street Shopping Centre, school uniform scheme.

You can donate any uniforms to Queen Street, on a Mon-Wed 9am-12noon, Thurs 1- 4pm & Fri 9.30 & 2pm.

Dolphin Centre: Mon - Fri 6.30am - 10.00pm,
Sat/Sun 8.00am-7.30pm.

In a spin: Mon-Fri 8.30am- 5.30pm, Sat 8.30-12.30pm.

Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium.

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?... Have your circumstances changed?

If you would like to check your eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Both school and your child will benefit. School receives extra funding, so it is really important to us all.



School packet lunches.

Due to some children having nut allergies we ask you be mindful of the foods you are sending in your child's packet lunch. I know you will understand the importance of this and support us to ensure all our children are safe.

In the packet lunches could we ask that they are not filled with too many crisps, chocolates, cakes and sweets.

Food banks.

In Darlington we have many food banks which parents/ carers can access, these are all found on the Darlington website. If you need any support with this please see Mrs Conroy.

There are also **the bread and butter scheme** which is on line along with **too good to go**.



Christmas.

As Christmas is nearly here, we would like volunteers to help make and wrap the Christmas hampers.

We are going to hold Christmas crafts for parent/carers on a Monday morning the 28th November and 5th December 9am - 11am. Tea, coffee and mince pies included!

If you would like to attend please could you let Mrs Conroy know as we have limited spaces.

Parent/ Carer courses.

From January we like to run some free courses to Parents/ Carers through Family learning. These courses are Computing, First Aid course, Health and Happiness, Mindfulness course, and Art course. If you would like to attend please get in touch.

If you would like any further information regarding the above please contact Mrs Conroy on DWPI.conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk or the school office 01325 380792.