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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the penultimate newsletter 2023-2024 and the focus for this newsletter is attendance. A new Attendance Framework has been issued to schools in England and Wales that comes into force 19th August 2024. There are a number of changes that Parents and Carers should be aware of:

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Important information for Parents, changes as of 19th August 2024 to the issue of Penalty Notices for Non-School attendance.

Dear Parent,

The Education (Penalty Notices) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) Regulations 2024 No. 210

New Legislation comes into force on 19th August 2024 regarding the issuing of penalty notices relating to none school attendance. The following changes will come into force for penalty notice fines issued after 19th August 2024.

New National Threshold

There will be a single National Threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England and Wales of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any type of unauthorised absence.

From 19th August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£160 discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.**

If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no discount given for early repayment.

1. The **first time** a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days.
2. The **second time** a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised absence (within 3 years) the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

Any term time holidays that are taken after the start of the 2024/25 academic year will be treated under the new Legislation as the new rules apply to any offences committed from 19 August 2024, regardless of when the holiday is booked.

Should a **third absence** be taken within the three-year period, a parent may be summonsed to the Magistrates Court for knowingly failing to secure good attendance at school (Section 444 (1A) of Education Act 1996).

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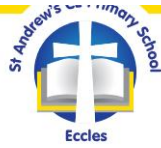
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<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Salford local authority and schools are committed to providing the best possible future for your child. If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school or if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact your school and ask for support.

New Framework 2024 - Attendance and Punctuality

St Andrew's values good attendance and punctuality because we believe that our children deserve the best chance of fulfilling their potential so they can go on to become valuable members of society. Good attendance and punctuality increase these chances. Please see our Attendance page on our website.

<https://www.standrewsprimaryeccles.co.uk/parents-and-carers/attendance/>



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Attendance

We pledge to:

- Work jointly to improve attendance across our city.
- Champion the benefits of good school attendance in our work.
- Support families to help the children develop and maintain good attendance habit in the early years and throughout their school life.
- Celebrate good and improved attendance.
- Listen to children and young people's experiences and how they effect their ability to engage in school life daily.
- Make sure the right kind of support is available so children and young people can attend school.
- Work together to remove barriers to good attendance.
- Minimise disruption to learning if children and young people are unable to attend school.
- Review how our organisations can support all children and young people to have good school attendance in Salford.

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Key Data

80% attendance = 1 whole year out of every 5 years

85% attendance = 29 days or 6 weeks or 145 lessons

90% attendance = 19 days or 4 weeks or 95 lessons

When should my child return to school? NHS

Chicken Pox 1 Week after last chicken pox	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, Foot & Mouth None*	Impetigo When sores on mouth & throat or all have other symptoms resolved
Measles or Rubella 4 days from start of rash	Mumps 5 days from start of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after symptoms resolved	Strep Throat None*	Whooping Cough 48 hours after symptoms resolved
flu 100% resolved	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	toricillias None*		

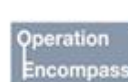
In September 2024 schools have been instructed to change how penalty notices are enforced.

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Previous Exceptional Circumstances/Head Teacher Authorised Absences

From 19th August 2024 Head Teachers can no longer authorise absences under 'Exceptional Circumstances'.

Examples of absences that will **not** be authorised include (but not exhaustive) absences:

- to visit poorly relatives in the UK or abroad
- to travel with family members who require medical attention
- to enable parents to fulfil work commitments
- to attend weddings

If parents wish to challenge the Head Teachers decision to unauthorise an absence, please refer to the Complaints Policy.

Notification of an upcoming child's absence from school during school time must be sought by completing a form which is obtainable from the office. See below:

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School Absence Notification Form

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Name of child:		Class:
Reason For Absence		
Start Date:		
End Date:		
Return To School Date:		
Number Of School Days Absent:		
Signed:		

I will notify you in writing of the outcome.

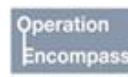
Mrs Bladen-Kay
 Head Teacher

Persistent Lateness

If a child arrives late (after 9.20am) a child will be issued with a 'U' code. Multiple 'U Codes' will result in a letter being sent from the head teacher. A penalty notice fine will be applied for following 10 'U codes'.

If a child is continually late being collected from school, a letter from the head teacher will be issued. If this happens on multiple occasions in a half term, the Head Teacher may decide to charge for the additional child care provided for the child after 3.20pm, e.g. £5 per 15 minutes.

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Religious Observance

School will follow Salford LA guidelines which are typically an authorised absence of one day. If Eid falls on a Saturday or Sunday, children are expected to be in school on Monday unless schools are notified of any change by the LA.

Salford Council and Government Guidance


<https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/info-for-parents-students-and-teachers/school-attendance-behaviour-and-welfare/term-time-holiday-guidance/>

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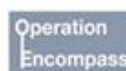
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If you have any questions or queries regarding school attendance and the new changes, then please contact the school office.

God bless,
Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

 Summer Term 2024 Parents Key Dates Dates subject to changes – staff absence, etc.	
July	
15 th – 19 th	Transition visits to other classes
16 th	Y3 Trip
17 th	Full Governing Board Meeting
19 th	Reports out to parents Transition Celebration Assembly (children only, no parents today) Clubs finish
24 th	School closes for 2023-2024 at 2.30pm

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