

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 25th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to our Summer Fair and spent their pound coins on bubbly (bath and wine), plant pots, ice creams, and baked goods. We raised a grand total of £1719.66 to put back into school funds - thank you so much!!

Farewell

It is with absolute sadness that we say goodbye and thank you to some staff this summer. Firstly thank you to Miss Ghent, the most wonderful reception teacher, thank you so much, you are an absolute ray of positivity and a joy to have in school!

Then to Miss Richardson, who is moving on to take on another Assistant Head post within our trust. Whilst your time here might have been short you have undoubtedly had a massive impact, and been a fantastic assistant head teacher!

Mrs Garbutt is also moving on to pastures new and we thank you for all your hard work over the years. You are absolutely irreplaceable and on a personal level I will miss our Leeds United chats! Good Luck in your new job!

And finally Mrs Stringwell, words cannot convey just how much we will all miss you - children, parents, carers and staff....the impact you have had on the lives of everyone who has been part of the Ackton Pastures family is too great to measure. Thankfully it's not a proper good bye as Mrs Stringwell is joining our Board of Governors so will still be around in a small way for years to come.

And to Year 6...

Goodbye and Good Luck at high school! We wish you all the very best and know that you will be amazing! Remember everything you have learnt at Ackton Pastures, continue to be the most respectful, responsible and resilient that you can be and you won't go far wrong in life.

....Finally

Thank you from me to all the children, parents, carers, governors and staff in school, all of your hard work does not go unnoticed. It's been an amazing year at Ackton Pastures and whilst I cannot wait to see what next academic year brings for now I'm looking forward to a break!

Have a lovely summer everyone and thank you!

Miss Bartle
Acting Headteacher

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

After School Club

You may start booking for our wrap around for next year via Arbor from today. You may only book if there are funds in your top up accounts. Please remember that the latest you can book for Breakfast club is 7am on the morning of the session and 12:15pm for After School Club. We cannot take any bookings after these times.

From September late collections at After School Club will be charged the difference between the two sessions. For example if you paid until 4pm but are late you will be charged £6 and if you have paid until 5pm but are late you will be charged £2.90.

Playground Equipment

Please note we do not allow children to play with our outdoor equipment before and after school, if an accident should occur we would not be liable and may not be around to assist in an emergency, it would be your responsibility. Parents and carers would also be liable for any damage to property that occurs during these hours. We are aware of equipment that has been damaged in our Reception area and this is especially maddening as it directly affects your children's learning and development. Please be mindful of this when allowing your children to use the equipment.

Change of Email Address

Please note that our office email has now changed to:

ap-enquiries@inspirepartnership.org.uk

Please do not use the old email address as your mail will bounce back!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st September	INSET Day - school closed
Tuesday 2nd September	School reopens for all
Monday 20th October	School Photographs

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	93%
Reception – Miss Ghent	99%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	97%
Year 1/2 – Miss Vollands	96%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	93%
Year 3 – Miss Holding	97%
Year 3/4 - Miss Binns	97%
Year 4 – Miss Richardson	96%
Year 5 – Miss Gibbins	86%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	94%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	96%

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“Return to school support”

Do you have worries about your child's return to school in September?

Would you like strategies on what you could do to try to help your child?

Would you like to speak to somebody and get advice on what could be done to help?

If you have answered “yes” to any of the above, then the “Return to school support” service is available for parents and carers throughout the school summer holidays.

We have Educational Improvement Teachers (EITs) available to take your call to listen to your worries and provide support, signposting and impartial advice.

The EITs are available to take your telephone call on the following dates:

Tuesday 5 th August, 2025	10am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 12 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 19 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 26 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd September, 2025	
Tuesday 9 th September, 2025	
Tuesday 16 th September, 2025	
Tuesday 23 rd September, 2025	



Please call the Educational Psychology Service on **01924 307403** and ask to speak to an EIT.

All applications for free school meals are now completed electronically online where you will usually get an instant decision.



To Apply:

Scan the barcode with your phone and it should take you straight to the free school meals online application.

Alternatively search "Free School Meals Wakefield Council" and click on the top result. [Free school meals - Wakefield Council](#)

You can also apply by going through your account on the Parent Portal.

Please ensure all details are correct as this can delay the application process.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please be aware that the following benefits do not qualify for Income Related Free School Meals:

- Contributions based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Contributions based Employment & Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit
- Invalidity Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payment
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Child Benefit

Universal free school meals

All Children Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government funded School.

But if you are on benefits or low income, it is beneficial to apply for income related free school meals, as you may also be eligible for other schemes that could be running and your school receives extra funding.

You can contact free school meals fsm@wakefield.gov.uk 01924 305061

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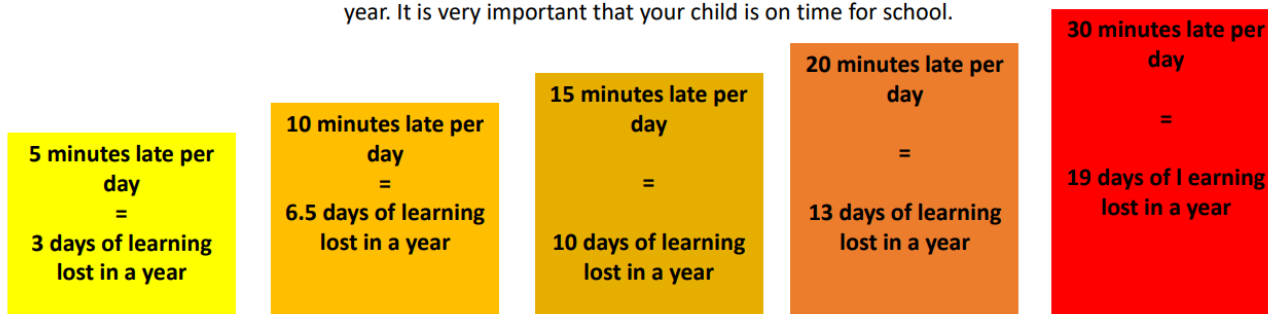
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Attendance Matters Arrive on Time



Every school day counts, arriving a few minutes late a day can mean days of learning is lost over the school year. It is very important that your child is on time for school.



L code = Late arrival after classroom doors close at 9am

U code = Late arrival after registers close at 9.10am (Unauthorised absence)

An accumulation of 10 U codes over a 10 week period can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority for Irregular Attendance

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Week's

PER PARENT/PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days**.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.