

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 5th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely Summer, it has been great to welcome you all back to school. School has felt wonderfully calm this week, the children have all settled really well into their new classes and we are excited to see what this year brings for us all.

Welcome also to Mrs Dingwall who has joined school this term and will be working in the school office on Thursday and Friday.

Assembly

Thank you to everyone who came to assembly today, everyone is welcome to join us, regardless of whether your child has a certificate. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available from just before 9am in the hall before assembly starts. We welcome certificates and photos from any outside achievements you would like to share. Please email the school office with a brief description and photo before 3.15pm on Thursday to be included in the assembly presentation.

The address to send your pictures to is: ap-enquiries@inspirepartnership.org.uk

After School Club

Wraparound care is bookable on Arbor. 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 or offer refunds after these times.

In a change to policy, 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 an additional £6 and if you have paid until 5pm but are late you will be charged an additional £2.90.

School Milk

Milk is FREE to Nursery pupils and is ordered by school. For children in reception to Year 6 – whilst your child is under 5 years of age school will automatically order milk for them. When your child turns 5 you will have to start paying for milk if your child would still like it. Children in receipt of FSM who would like milk at school must inform the office – no need to register with Cool Milk.

You can register for milk by clicking on this link:

<https://coolmilk.com/parents/>

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

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.

Elite After School Clubs

The Elite after school clubs this half term are;

Basketball and Dodgeball for Key Stage 1, Year 3 and 4 on Tuesday

Football and Rugby for Key Stage 2 on Wednesday

Gymnastics and Dance for Reception and Key Stage 1 on Thursday.

They are available to book on Arbor now.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th October	School Photographs
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Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	★100%★
Reception – Mr Smith	95%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	★100%★
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	★100%★
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	97%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	96%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbons	98%
Year 4 – Miss Holding	97%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	99%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	93%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	98%

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Bartle

Acting Headteacher

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Community Family Litter Pick

Sunday 14th September

RSPB St Aidan's Nature Park, Astley Lane, LS26 8AL

Meet outside The Little Owl Cafe just before 10am

Help us to keep St Aidan's free from litter & a great place for nature.

Sessions last until 12pm. All equipment provided.

Accompanied children welcome.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for being outside.

This is a FREE event.

Find out more
rspb.org.uk/staidans

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037604



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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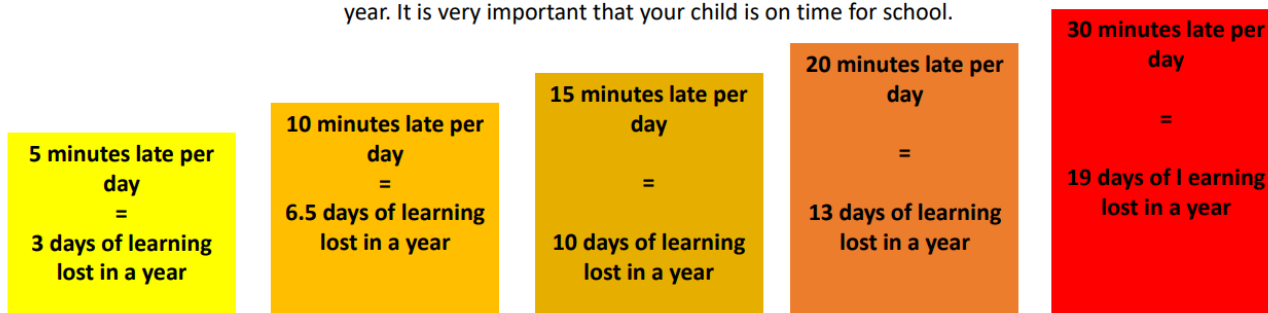
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Attendance Matters Arrive on Time



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

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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.