



Longford Primary Academy Newsletter



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Principal's Messages

Headlines

Attendance is crucial

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Updated covid guidance - what will school look like?

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It's coming home!

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Trust Governor Vacancy announcement...

Attendance

Longford Primary Academy Days off school add up to lost learning!			
100% attendance	0 weeks of missed learning	Best chance of success	
96% attendance	1 week 3 days of missed learning	Well Done!	
95% attendance	2 weeks of missed learning	Poor attendance Worrying!	
92% attendance	3 weeks 1 day of missed learning		
91% attendance	3 weeks 2 days of missed learning	Very Poor attendance	
75% attendance	9 weeks 2 days of missed learning	Extremely concerning!	

Certificates for excellent attendance will be presented next week to children. Despite the challenges we have faced this academic year I have this week written out 44 certificates for 100% attendance, 35 certificates for 99% attendance and 42 certificates with 98% attendance, which highlights the efforts both pupils and parents have made to support their child's education after a challenging year of school and class closures.

As I explained in the last newsletter, despite these figures Longford's overall attendance score remains below national average and unfortunately

I have also had to send a number of letters highlighting persistent absence. I cannot stress how important it is that children do not miss any days of learning, particularly after they have missed so much over the last 18 months. Under normal circumstances, we understand that there are days when children will feel a little under the weather, however we encourage you to send your child in unless they are suffering from sickness/diarrhoea or something that requires a GP appointment. Teachers and support staff are able to administer paracetamol, ibuprofen and antihistamine with signed consent from parents and we will always call parents to collect if we feel symptoms are deteriorating. By taking this approach, we could reach our target of 96% which is in line with the national average.

Our children can only learn if they are here for us to teach them.

Dates and Reminders:

15th July
Outdoor transition
afternoon

19th July
Class Parties

20th July
Reception Graduation
Y6 Leavers outdoor
event
(parents invited)

21st July
Break Up

2nd September
School Open

Reporting Student Absence

If your child is unable to attend school please contact the office on 01543 227410 or email the office on office2@longford.staffs.sch.uk

Covid guidance

New Covid guidance has been released to schools following the Prime Minister's announcement of plans to lift restrictions from 19th July. As you are aware we do not break up from school until 21st July. As much as we would love to completely lift the restrictions that have been placed on schools, after careful consideration and consultation with the trust we have decided it is far safer to remain as we are for the final 3 days. Unfortunately we have heard of bubbles still closing in other local and trust schools, meaning that if we removed our bubbles and allowed everyone to mix we would struggle to determine who would need to isolate and who would not. Many of us, staff included, have booked holidays for the summer and we feel it would be irresponsible of us to put members of the school community at risk of a 10 day isolation simply because we want a whole school assembly or lunch together!

What will school look like in September?

We very much hope that in September we can go 'back to normal'. This means that there will be no bubbles, no staggered timings and no one way systems! School day timings will go back to what they previously were - for those of you who have not experienced 'normality' with us or need a reminder:

	Nursery - Y2	Y3 - Y6
Doors open	8.45am	8.45am
Registration	8.50am	8.50am
Collection	3.00pm	3.10pm

It is expected that children are in class on time to engage with their learning, if a child is even just a few minutes late each day they will not experience the settled start to the day that others have the advantage of and they will fall behind having missed vital input from their teacher.

The earlier finish in EY & KS1 allows parents the time to collect younger children first and then walk around onto the KS2 playground to collect older children.



We all have our fingers crossed for the final of the European Championships on Sunday evening. To show our pride in our National Football Team win or lose, Monday will be a non uniform day.

Governor Vacancy

We have a trust governor vacancy opportunity; if you know anyone within the community that would be suitable for this post please ask them to contact the school office to speak to Mrs Davis.