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Windy News

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Holidays in term time — Changes to Penalty Notice Code of Conduct

The National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence will come into effect from 19th August 2024, and the local Gateshead Code of Conduct has been updated to reflect the new framework.

The significant changes are:

New national threshold—There will be a new single consistent national threshold for Penalty Notices of 10 unauthorised sessions within a rolling 10 school week period. This is a change from Gateshead's current threshold of 10 unauthorised absences in 12 weeks.

Increase in penalty amount

An increase to the rate of a penalty notice from £120 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days to £160 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

Abolition Warning Letter

Parents will no longer receive a Warning Letter for the first unauthorised leave of absence referral, as per current Code of Conduct; all parents will be issued with a Penalty Notice at the first referral.

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can

Year 6 Sats

Last week Year 6 sat their SATS. They have all worked incredibly hard all year and although SAT results are important, they often do not reflect the true progress both academically and socially your child might have made. We are proud of all of your children and their achievements in school.

It was great to see the Year 6 children attending the SATS breakfast club and I'd like to thank all of the staff who helped make this happen.

We look forward to Year 6 having a fantastic time during their last half term with us.

There are lots of great things planned including their residential and an end of term leaving assembly. It can be an emotional time for the children and friendships can be tested at times, so we would ask you to help us in supporting your children's last term in school by keeping a close eye on their social media behaviour.

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Staffing Updates

As you are aware Mr. Hawdon has decided to resign from his Assistant Headteacher position at the end of the summer term. He will be replaced by Mrs. Jemma Traynor.

Mrs. Short has decided to leave us at the end of this term so we would like to welcome Mr. Jack McKay who will replace her as a class teacher and also be our new KS1 Phase Leader.

Mr. Hill, who is currently working in Year 5, will cover Mrs. Herring's maternity leave which will start in September.

Miss Marshall is pleased to announce that she is expecting her first baby in November.

What's happening?

- ♦ Diary Dates
- ♦ Punctuality
- ♦ School trips
- ♦ Sports Day
- ♦ Sports Assembly

Free School Meals / Holiday Vouchers

Regardless of which year group your child is in, if you think you may qualify for means tested free school meals, please contact the main office for a claim form, or apply online at <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals>

Even if you do not wish your child to take the school meal, you may

receive food shopping vouchers for school holiday periods from Gateshead Council. This May half term holiday you will receive vouchers of £15 per child per week. Our school will also benefit from the grant

attached to each pupil who is eligible. Currently, this is worth £1,300 per pupil and would be a huge loss to the school if parents do not claim.

This grant is used to provide extra staffing in school.

If you need any more information, please contact school. Thank you
Article 27: You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met

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School Trip voluntary contributions

As more school trips begin to take place, we would like to remind you that although we request payment by voluntary contribution, if enough contributions are not made to cover the cost of the trip then it cannot go ahead and the trip will be cancelled.

Punctuality

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality in primary school will help your child throughout their education and on into adult life and the work place.

Lateness = Lost Learning

Did you know that

5 mins late each day 3 days lost!
10 mins late each day 6.5 days lost!
15 mins late each day 10 days lost!
20 mins late each day 13 days lost!
30 mins late each day 19 days lost!

Danger Zone: As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success.

Please ensure your child comes to school on time.

*(Figures are calculated over a school year)

We have a small number of families who are consistently late for school. This is not only distressing for your child but wastes a huge amount of office staff time and disrupts the learning of the rest of the children in their class. Mrs. Conroy monitors this on a weekly basis and if your child continues to be late you can be referred to the Legal Intervention Team for prosecution.

Entry via the school gates is restricted from 8:45. Any child coming in through the main school entrance is recorded in the late book.

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Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Fri 24th May	Y6 Fun Run- Saltwell Park
	Break up for half term
Mon 3rd June	Back to school
	Year 4 Multiplication check
	Reception Brush up workshops
Wed 5th June	Year 6 First Aid workshops
Thur 6th June	Year 3 /4 Quad kids event
	FGB 5PM
Mon 10th June	Y1 Phonics check
	Sports Day
Tues 11th June	Y5/6 Tennis
Wed 12th June	Y6 residential Kingswood
	Rec/ Y1 Oral Hygiene checks
Thur 13th June	Art Bytes visit to Shipley Art Gallery
Tues 18th June	Y5/ Cricket final
Wed 19th June	Olympics Day
Thur 20th June	Y3/4 Anglo Saxon History visitors
Fri 21st June	School closed Training Day
Mon 24th June	School Assessment Week
	New reception parents meeting 4pm
Thu 27th June	Y6 leavers service at St. Albans
Fri 28th June	New class lists go to parents
	Athletics Festival Gateshead Stadium
Mon 1st July	School transition Day
Tues 2nd July	School Transition Day
	New nursery parents meeting 4pm
Wed 3rd July	Forest School Day—Reception
	Year 5 Beamish visit
Thur 4th July	Summer music concert 5pm
Mon 8th July	Y5 Orienteering Day
	Nursery stay and play session
Wed 9th July	Y5 visit Safety works
	Y6 Sats results
Wed 10th July	Science Boffin Day
Thu 11th July	Science Boffin Day
Wed 17th July	Reports to parents

Sports Day

Following the success of last year's sports day we have decided to follow the same format. Sports day will take place on Monday 10th June.

Reception and KS1's sports day will start at 9:15. Parents will be allowed straight up onto the field after dropping their children off. Gates will be locked at 9:15.

KS2's sports day will start at 12:45.

Gates will be opened at 12:30 to let parents up onto the school field. Please remember that you will not be allowed access to the sports day after the gates have been locked. This is for the security of all pupils and staff on site.

Sports Assembly

Due to the number of children who have attended sports events over the course of this year we have decided to separate our sports assembly into 3 different events.

Year 5/6 will have their sports assembly at 9 am on 15th July — parents will be invited to attend

EYFS/ KS1 will have their sports assembly as part of an in school assembly on 16th July.

Year 3/4 will have their sports assembly at 9 am on 17th July — parents will be invited to attend