



RIVI ATTENDANCE



NEWSLETTER: SUMMER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

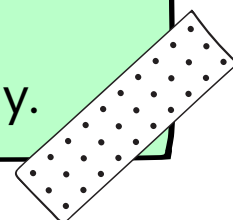
Thank you for your support in working with the staff of Rivington Foundation Primary School. All schools have received a statutory update meaning that from 19th August 2024, there's more pressure on schools to work together with parents and all those involved with a pupil's education to improve attendance. We hope that you will continue to make school attendance and punctuality your priority. Summer has now arrived! It is hoped that the longer days and a renewed energy will help pupils boost attendance and punctuality.

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

Attendance is proven to have direct link to how well pupils achieve in SATS, at GCSE and how much they earn in the future. Just think what learning opportunities have been lost on these days Even one day of absence can make a difference in getting a better and deeper understanding of a topic. Every single minute of learning counts, and once it's gone, you can't get it back in school.

REMINDERS

The register is marked by 9:05am daily.
Please ensure you are arriving on time each day.



What to do when...

Your child has a medical appointment at 10.45am which cannot be changed. Bring them in to school in the morning, collect them just before the appointment and bring them back to school straight afterwards. Show the office staff evidence of the appointment (letter/email or text).

Your child says they feel unwell but are showing no other signs of illness.

Bring them into school but let us know—we will inform you if we feel they need to be collected.

Your child has a sickness bug Keep them off school for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness. We do not want the bug to spread.

Leave of Absence during term time– the rules are changing!

Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless there is an exceptional circumstance. If, for any reason, you do require a Leave of Absence please telephone the school office to discuss the request.

Leave will be unauthorised if it is for a holiday (even if it is due to financial circumstances) and, you are likely to receive a fine from the Local Authority if a child misses 10 or more sessions (5 days).

Until the end of July 2024, the fine is £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 per parent per child, and if further non-payment within 28 days, court action may be taken. From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government. Local Authority regulations state that Leave of Absence applications should be made at least 4 weeks prior to the leave taking place, and, if it is for a holiday, ideally before the holiday is booked.

If your child does need a Leave of Absence, for Safeguarding purposes, it is essential that you discuss this with Mrs Annette/Mrs Whittaker before the leave takes place, as far in advance as possible.

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 for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

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

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Late arrivals

Schools are legally required to take a register of pupils first thing in the morning and at some point in the afternoon. The government advises that schools can keep the register open for up to 30 minutes although schools can set a shorter period.

If a pupil is late but the register is still open, they are marked as late. If the register has closed and there isn't a satisfactory explanation, this may be classed as an unauthorised absence. Repeated late attendance can lead to legal action.

Our top tips for good school attendance

- create good attendance habits from when your child first goes to nursery
- talk to your child about the importance of school for their future
- take a positive interest in your child's work, including helping them with homework
- help your child to get into a good night-time, sleep time and morning routine
- have a good relationship with school, talk to them about concerns you have and your child's progress
- contact school on the first day of absence if your child is not able to attend
- be honest with school if your child is absent or not wanting to attend
- book all holidays in the school holidays and not in term time
- book medical appointments after school or during the school holidays. If you can't, then make sure your child attends before and after their appointment
- prioritise school attendance over other activities and ask for help if you need it

Many people think that the odd day off here and there does not matter, but even these odd days can have an impact on a child's learning. Learning about any topic doesn't happen all in one day, therefore when a child returns to school the class may be continuing their learning from the day before which will put the absent child at an immediate disadvantage.

FACT

365 days in a calendar year

190 School days,

175 non-school days for shopping, holidays and appointments!

The Father's Day shop is now live!

Cadbury Chocolate bar with Fathers Day wrap and a card for £3. All orders will be delivered to your child's class on Friday 14th June. Please pre order to guarantee delivery as we will only have a very small amount for sale in the playground.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofriving.../index.cfm...>



SPORTS DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON (dependent on weather):

Choice 1: Monday 8th July 2024 @Adlington Football Club Clubhouse, King George's Playing Fields.

OR:

Choice 2: Wednesday 10th July 2024 @Adlington Football Club Clubhouse, King George's Playing Fields.

We are planning the following:

AM 7:30am-9:00am	AM 9:00am-12:00pm	School Dinners Sandwich choice or packed lunches	PM 1:00pm-3:15pm	3:15pm-6:00pm
Rivington Breakfast Club held in the AFC Clubhouse for those who normally attend on this day.	EYFS and KS1 Races KS2 Games and Team Building Challenges.		KS2 Races KS1 Circuit	Rivington Late-Stay Club held in AFC Clubhouse for those who normally attend on this day.

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF AND COLLECTED FROM THE VENUE AT THE USUAL SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES (unless attending Breakfast Club or Late-Stay). Parents are welcome to stay all day and have a picnic lunch with the children. Families can also attend for the morning or afternoon ONLY or can drop off at 9am and pick-up at 3:15pm – the children will be supervised by our teaching staff all day. There will be morning and afternoon tea and refreshment available to purchase



MATCH FUNDRAISING

Match fundraising is a powerful initiative where companies pledge to match the donations made by their employees to charities. This could be in the form of matching money raised on a stall or days off to volunteer, each company scheme can be different. We would like to massively thank Mr and Mrs Dobson (Connor Yr 5) who have secured a total of £1,500 from Natwest through this scheme.

Examples of companies that do participate are Morrisons, Natwest, Aviva, Nando's, Costa. Please contact a member of the PTFA if you think your company can help us through this scheme.

SUMMER FAIR

Join us on Friday 21st June for our annual summer fair. We will have lots of fun, games and refreshments to purchase.

We are also taking pre-orders for the original Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts. Just £10 for a box of 12 (rrp £14.95) or £1 for individual doughnuts. Please place your orders before Sunday 16th June to guarantee delivery as we will only have a small amount to purchase at the fair.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrivingtonprimaryschool/index.cfm?event=shop&loggedOut=true>





JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 2024

3:30PM - 5:30PM



| TOMBOLA | HOOK A DUCK | GAMES
DOUGHNUTS | REFRESHMENTS |
RAFFLE | BALLOON MODELLING | CRACK THE CODE

RIVINGTON FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL
Horrobin Lane, Rivington, BL6 7SE
www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk



DOUGHNUT SALE

Original Glazed Doughnuts

COLLECTION
FRIDAY, JUNE 21st

3.30pm

£10 per dozen
or £1 individually
PRE-ORDER TO
GUARANTEE DELIVERY

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All orders must be confirmed by Sunday 16th June



**DON'T MISS THE Y1/2 ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 2:30PM IN THE CHURCH
HALL!**



Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos can be shared with specific friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) which is visible to a person's entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose significantly during the lockdown periods, with many young people utilising it to stay connected with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

In the guide attached, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as sexting, visible location and contact from strangers.



WE ARE PROUD...Barla - who played in a football tournament over the weekend and her team came first place in their division and won the cup! 😊 WHAT A SUPERSTAR!

WE ARE PROUD... Elise - who wrote an amazing and creative recount of her recent trip to Germany - 5 wonderful chapters and she is only in Y1! 😊 WHAT A SUPERSTAR!

