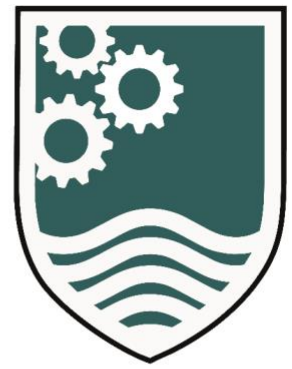


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Dear Parents/Carers



CURRICULUM INTENT

Building **successful, resilient and confident** individuals.

Our curriculum provides pupils with the **knowledge, skills** and enriching **opportunities** to thrive in their chosen **career** path, and make valuable and **informed contributions** to a modern society.

OUR VALUES



Valuable contribution
Attempting school
Lead respectful lives
Understanding towards others
Everyone is equal
Self motivated to achieve

One of the greatest pleasures for staff here at Bloxwich Academy is to reward pupils for getting things right. Whenever the opportunity arises, we love to stick our values stickers into planners, or organise a reward trip to Alton Towers, the cinema or tickets to a football match. Many of our reward activities are related to attendance because being at school is the first step to achieving academic success, and the opportunity for success in later life.

We would like to thank all of you reading this who go that extra mile to ensure your children attend on time, every day. We know that it isn't always easy, so we thank you for your support.

The flip side of this is the impact that poor attendance can have on academic success, an impact that continues into later life.

With this in mind, we felt it was important to highlight that we are striving to improve school attendance for the benefit of each and every pupil, ensuring that they thrive academically and emotionally, as we know that a happy pupil will attend school and take far more from their education.

Building successful individuals starts with getting to school on time. To that end, pupils must be on site ready for line up at 8.35am. Pupils who arrive between 8.35am and 9.10am will be sanctioned with a 20-minute detention. Pupils who arrive even one minute after 9:10am are logged as absent for half a day, this is logged as a (U) code. If they arrive late after 9:10am on ten separate days, this equates to five full days of absence. This means that your child could still end up with enough U codes to face legal proceedings, even if they eventually arrive in school and attend for the rest of the day.

Please see the information about fines on the reverse of this letter.

With the above information in mind, we ask you to communicate with us if your child/children are struggling to arrive on time, attend school, or even if you are considering taking a holiday in



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term time, so that as a school we can ensure that their attendance record is not impacted.


Please be aware that this does not affect religious observances, which will of course be authorised in line with DfE guidelines.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Prime
Headteacher

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 issues after 19th August 2024

- PER PARENT, PER CHILD**
Penalty Notice Fines will 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 (6 in total)
- 5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF TERM TIME LEAVE**
Penalty Notices 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 an intent to be absent for the 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
- 1ST 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.
- 2ND OFFENCE (within 3 years)**
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- 3RD 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 £1000 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.



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