



Welcome to the Attendance newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Lynn Saunders,
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The purpose of this newsletter is to raise awareness of school attendance and provide you with key information.

Our school attendance target is 96%. The overall attendance this year so far is 95.94%. Thank you to all those families who are supporting us to prioritise their child's learning. We appreciate you working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

The School Day

A reminder to all parents:

The school day starts at 8.45am.

Gates will now close at 8.55am.

Please ensure your child arrives promptly at school to ensure valuable learning time is not lost. Thank you.

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record

For more information go to:
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



Common Questions

Should I send my child to school with a cough?

A slight cold and a cough do not stop a child from attending school. However children with heavy colds or persistent coughs should stay at home.

My child has a temperature, can they go to school?

A child should stay home from school if they have a fever of 100.4° Fahrenheit (F) or 38° Celsius (C) or higher. They should stay home until they've been fever-free for 24 hours without taking medicines that treat or prevent fever.

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Children's Wellbeing

Our wellbeing team can offer a variety of support, dependant on needs, to our students:

Soft starts

Sensory circuits

Nurture sessions

Hamish & Milo

Zones of regulation

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Attendance support meetings

Wellbeing check-ins

Stormbreak sessions

Referrals—CAMHS, ELC,

Early Help and the Nursing team

If you think your child would benefit from any of the above, please contact Mrs Tina Saunders or Ms Amanda Berry from the wellbeing team.



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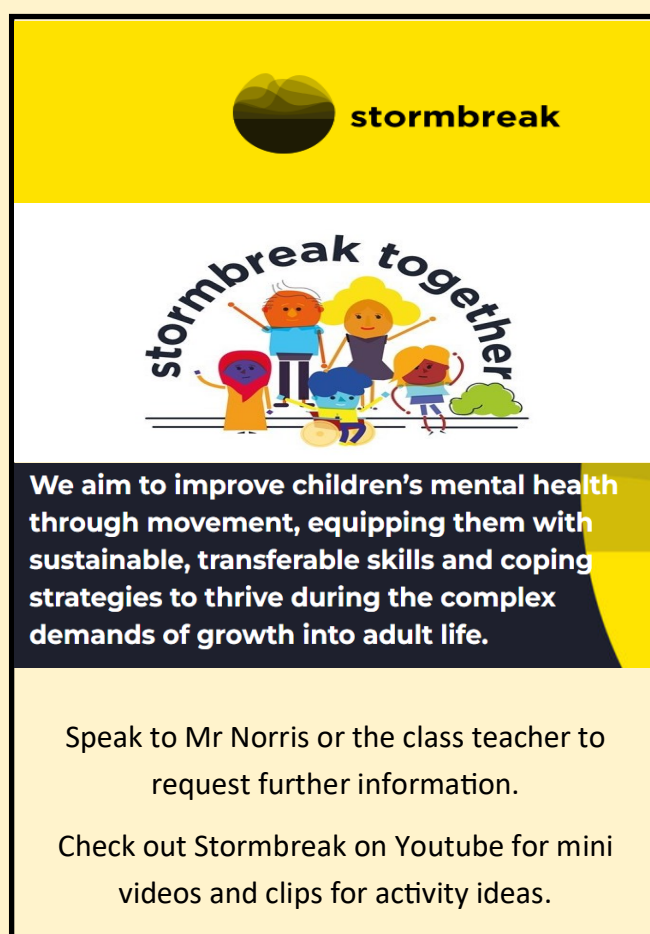
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stormbreak

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We aim to improve children's mental health through movement, equipping them with sustainable, transferable skills and coping strategies to thrive during the complex demands of growth into adult life.

Speak to Mr Norris or the class teacher to request further information.

Check out Stormbreak on Youtube for mini videos and clips for activity ideas.

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Studybugs

Studybugs is our new app for reporting absence. Thank you to all those parents that have already signed up and are using the system. So far, we have had nothing but positive feedback as it is so quick and easy to use. You can send messages, questions and medical evidence through the app.

231 parents have registered for Studybugs and are accessing the system. Scan the barcode below to download the app or register for free.



Download the Studybugs app
for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



Studybugs 

Autumn Term Prize

Continue to encourage your children to attend school this term. We will be celebrating with all children who are at or above the school target of 96% with a Christmas themed party.



Parent Prizes

We felt it was important to reward parents as without your support and encouragement your children would not be in school.

If your child's attendance is 100% at the end of Autumn term, you will receive a voucher to be redeemed at Jacc's Coffee shop.



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UK Health
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Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.