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School is open for 190 days each year, still leaving 175 days to spend time with family!

Punctuality

It is really important that children arrive on time to start the school day.

School times-

8.45am The school is open for the children to come into the classrooms.

9.00am The school day starts.



9.20am Registers close, after this time a child will be marked as absent.

Late arrival into class, after 9.00am, causes disruption to your child's learning and that of other pupils'. Children who are late can miss important information given out at registration which can cause them to become unsettled and distressed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school!

Castle Club

We offer extended provision through our Castle Club.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am to 8.45am,
After School Club runs from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.



We accept childcare vouchers and payments can be made using Arbor.

Welfare Checks

If a child is absent and a parent / carer has not been in contact with school by 10.00am, two members of the school staff will carry out a welfare check, which may involve a home visit. This is part of our safeguarding procedures.

Whole School Attendance

Our attendance target for this year is 97%

Last year our attendance was 95.9%,



Our persistent absence rate was 11%, this means at least 2 children in every class had an attendance level of 90% or less. 😞

Attendance of 90% means they miss 19 days of school, that is almost 4 weeks every year! We monitor any child whose attendance falls below 95%.

Log in to Arbor to check your child's attendance!

Sickness and Illness

We understand that children become poorly and when this happens the best place for them is at home to enable a full recovery.

Please ensure you inform the school of your child's absence by **9.00am**. You can contact us on Dojo or by phone **01347 878441** - either leave a message or speak to Mrs Bellwood.

It is best we hear directly from the parent / carer rather than messages being passed on by siblings.



Please can we remind parents that if a child has suffered sickness or diarrhoea they must remain off school for 48 hours since the last bout of illness.

NHS link: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Fines for absence are now £80 per child per parent.

Leave of absence requests during term time

The Government Legislation regarding school attendance has been updated in August, including an increase in the fine for parents / carers taking their children out of school in term time. We will not be authorising any holiday requests this year unless they fulfil the criteria for exceptional circumstances. Any absence due to holiday will be marked as unauthorised and noted on your child's attendance record.

From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage. Children who are frequently absent may experience difficulties in their social development, struggling to build up supportive relationships, impacting their overall well-being.

Attendance research, DfE