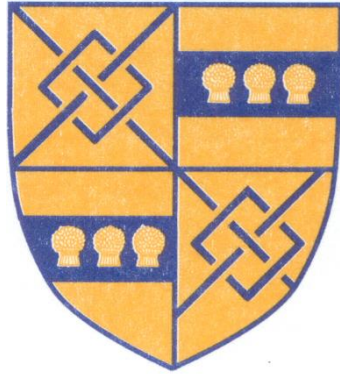


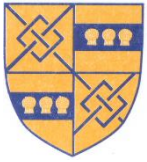
Attendance at Vernon Park Primary School



WHY IS ATTENDANCE SO IMPORTANT?

We all want our children to do well. Good attendance at school will lead to better opportunities for your children in their adult life.

Every minute matters,
every second counts!



HOW IS GOOD ATTENDANCE REWARDED?

In the first half term of the year all classes are set a weekly target of 95%. Those classes that achieve the target are rewarded with 5 minutes extra play.

In subsequent half terms individual class attendance average for the previous half term becomes their target to beat which results in 5 minutes extra play being awarded when they do.

A CHILD WHO IS ABSENT FOR 10 DAYS IN ANY ACADEMIC YEAR WILL ONLY ACHIEVE 94.7% ATTENDANCE.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS ILL?

We understand that there are times when your child is ill. Don't keep your child off if they only have a slight cold or they are feeling tired. Bring your child to school, the majority of the time once your child is in school with their friends and learning they will be ok. If your child is not fit to be in school we will call you to collect them.

Please support the school by informing us of any absence on the **first day** that your child is not in school. After the first day of illness, if we do not hear from you again, we will contact you for an update.

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CAN MY CHILD TAKE A HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME?

Although we understand how important it is for families to spend time together and the benefits of a family holiday to children, we strongly request that you plan your holidays outside school term time. In September 2013 new regulations were introduced by the Department for Education which state that "headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances". You can find out about these regulations on the DfE website.

If there are exceptional circumstances when a parent/carer may need to request absence for their child we ask that they fill in the request form that is available from the school office.

There are 13 weeks holiday from school each year, including a 5 week long summer holiday. It should therefore not be necessary to take additional absence from school during term time. If a child has an unauthorised absence in term time an Education Penalty Notice of £60 - £120 per parent, per child may be issued by Education Welfare Service.

APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

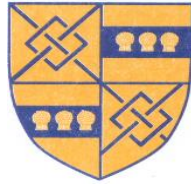
Where possible please arrange appointments outside the school day. Please provide us with written evidence/text message of the appointment/prescription/medication etc. from the practitioner.



WHAT IF MY CHILD IS LATE?

Children can come to school from 8.45am and school starts at 8.55am. If your child arrives after this time they will miss valuable teaching and learning time. If your child is late the school office will enter their name in the late book.

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We hope that by working in partnership,
your child will attend well and therefore
achieve their full potential whilst at Vernon
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