



Ashbourne Primary School

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1st October 2024

Dear Parents,

ACE Derbyshire Trust

Ashbourne Primary School is now an academy and part of ACE Derbyshire Trust.

As you know, I am working for the Trust central team alongside being the Headteacher at Ashbourne Primary School. My working days at school are typically Mondays and Wednesdays.

Bad weather guidance

It is the time of year when I remind parents about school protocol for if school has to close due to snow or floods. We always aim to keep the school open in the event of bad weather but pupil and staff safety is a priority and a number of our staff live quite a distance from Ashbourne.

If weather forces the school to close, Class Dojo will be immediately updated. A message will also be sent via Arbor. Please avoid ringing the school for updates; unless you have received a message, you can presume that the school is open.

Nursery

Our school nursery has a few spaces left for January and April 2025. Our waiting list goes up to 2027!

If you require a nursery place, please complete a waiting list application form from our website

<https://www.ashbourneprimary.co.uk/nursery/> and email: nursery@ashbourneprimary.derbyshire.sch.uk



Attendance and fines

To provide consistency, the Government have introduced a new national framework on attendance.

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Education Penalty Notices are issued to parents of statutory school age children. They can be issued to each parent or carer who is deemed liable for the child's absence from school. The new costs and process is outlined below:

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.

Attendance categories

95 to 100% - as expected

91 to 94% - at risk of persistent absence

80 to 90% - persistent absence

51 to 79% - at risk of severe absence

Less than or equal to 50% - severe absence

Diary dates

9th October – poetry festival
14th October – DT week
21st October – parents' evening week
23rd October - Open day for new parents
24th October – KS2 gymnastics festival
25th October INSET
Half term
4th November – back to school
5th November – Flu vaccinations
7th November – skipping workshops all day
11th November – Antibullying week
11th November – EYFS nursery rhyme week
13th November – Year 3 and 4 visit to Magna
14th November – PTA disco (details to follow)



Mobile phones

Mobile phones are for Year 6 pupils and are only allowed with a letter from the parent explaining why a mobile phone must be brought to school. Phones will be stored in the school office.



Kind regards,

Paula Chisholm

Louise Shaw

Headteacher

Co-headteacher