



22nd September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupil voice

As part of our teaching of British Values we create opportunities for children to experience democracy in action. This week we held elections for our Ormiston Academy Trust student voice representatives with voting taking place on Wednesday. All the votes have been sent off to the trust to be counted and the successful candidates will be announced shortly. Our student voice representatives will represent Edward Worlledge at meetings with pupils from other academies and give their thoughts and opinions to the trust.

Morning line up on the playground

From Monday, Year 2 will line up in a different place on the playground, both in the morning and at the end of day. They will line up towards the back of the playground next to Year 3 and Year 4. This will make it easier for the children to get to and from their classrooms now that their classes are on the first floor on the far side of the academy.

Attendance

One of our focus' for this year is attendance. It is clear from research and our own data that pupils with high attendance have higher attainment at school. We want all our pupils to achieve and to do this we need them in school to ensure they cover all of the curriculum. Where pupils' attendance starts to fall to 90% we will invite parents in for a meeting to discuss how we can support to improve attendance and overcome the barriers parents and children face. After that, we are required to follow the Norfolk County legal procedures. We are introducing a number of rewards and incentives for pupils who have excellent attendance, on top of our bronze, silver and gold silver and gold badges and class trophies.

We will be sending out more information on our attendance procedures for this year next week.

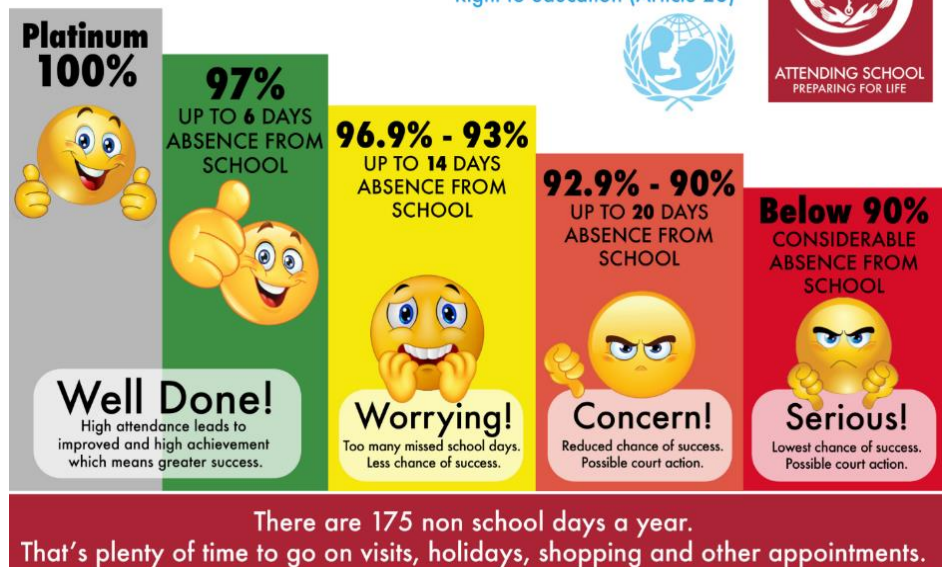
Calendar

We want to give parents as much warning as possible on important dates throughout the year, such as parents evenings, half term dates, Christmas concerts, sports days etc.

Our calendar with key dates was sent out with pupils and is available on the academy website - <https://tinyurl.com/Diarydates23-24>

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

Right to education (Article 28)





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Macmillan Coffee Morning & Learning with Parents Launch! Friday 29th September from 9:00am – 10:30am

This year we are continuing to work with Learning with Parents as part of our homework programme. Lots of parents are already signed up from last year and your details will roll over this year, however, we have lots of new parents and some of you may want a refresher on the site and how to use it. The session will take place as part of the MacMillan Coffee morning. There will be cake and coffee and a chance to meet other parents and ask any questions you may have.

ParentMail is now live for **ALL** payments (except for tuck) – here's a reminder on how it works:-

School Dinners

If you pay for your child's school dinners you will need to top up the account labelled "dinners". Each day we take a register online and the money will show as debited from your account.

Breakfast Club and Care Club

You will continue to book the club with the main office.

If your child is a regular attender at breakfast club or care club you will need to top up the accounts labelled "Breakfast Club" and "Care Club".

On a Monday afternoon we will debit your account for any sessions attended the previous week.

Shop

You can purchase items from the shop (under the tab "payments"). This currently includes uniform and enrichment clubs but other items will be added soon, such as residential trips.

Enrichment clubs – cost a voluntary contribution of £2.00, **please only order and "checkout" this item once a space at the club has been confirmed by the main office.**

If you have not yet created your account, not received a link to sign up or are still having any issues – please contact the academy office for help.

Parents Evening

Our Autumn Term parents' evenings are on Tuesday 3rd October and Thursday 5th October and appointments will be available to book from 3:15pm till 6:00pm.

Booking will open next week and you will receive a text message (via Teachers2Parents) from us to inform you when. If you need any support in booking an appointment, please call the academy office on 01493 603462.



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