



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



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School Attendance Matters (SAM) Newsletter—Summer Term 2 - July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The year is fast coming to an end and we will soon be waving off our year 6 pupils, who will be starting high school in September. Thank you for sharing your positive comments about the newsletters with Ofsted. It's great to hear that the information that is shared about our school is reaching our parents and our community. If you would like to hear more information about attendance or punctuality related topics that are not yet featured, please get in touch on attendance@barden.lancs.sch.uk.

Impact of Leave in Term Time

There have been a 106 Barden pupils that have taken leave in term time losing 1,090 school days which is the same as near 3 calendar years.





New statutory penalties from 17th August 2024

First penalty notice will rise to £160 per parent per child, which will be reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

Second penalty notice to be issued to the same parent for the same child will be charged at £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. To be paid in full.

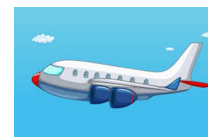
Third penalty notice cannot be raised to the same parent for the same child within 3 years of the first date of issue and so will result in action, legal intervention or prosecution.

Tips for getting your child ready for September

- 1) Perhaps continue with bedtime routines so that it is easier for pupils to adapt to getting up for school in September. 
- 2) Check school uniform, make repairs, buy replacements or plan to swap items at school. Check school shoes fit. 
- 3) Help your child brush up on skills like tying their shoe laces or buttoning up their polo shirt.
- 4) Keep reading bed time stories and make visiting the library one of the regular holiday activities. Look for topics that interest your child and explore new topics so that they remain excited about learning and coming to school. 
- 5) Look for learning opportunities for your child. Ask for help writing the shopping list, planning meals and writing lists and totalling the costs. Involve them in measuring ingredients and telling the time. 
- 6) Ensure your child knows their birthday so they can sign in at the school office if they are ever late.

Tips for getting your child ready for September

- 7) Check medications and inhalers are in date and available to home and school.
- 8) Make dentist and medical appointments in the holidays before school starts.
- 9) Add the school holidays for 2024-2025 to phone calendars, papers calendars and pin them up them up where the list can remind the family.
- 10) Sit down with your family and plan holidays in advance within the school holidays taking advantage of special offers, best prices and free child places.



Leave in Term Time

- It is the law in the UK for children to attend school regularly. **“If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence.” — Education Act 1996.**
- **Extended leave must be notified by the parents or the legal guardians of the pupil.**
- **It is not acceptable that school is not notified daily of the whereabouts of our pupil.**
- **If the correct procedures are not followed, school is legally required to report a pupil missing to Children Missing in Education.**

This process has been agreed by the Governors and is in the School Attendance Policy. It also demonstrates incredibly poor manners to take your child out of school without informing us you are going to be away. We recognise that parents have reasons to travel but school asks that leave is taken during the 13 weeks school holidays as lost learning cannot be caught up. Each taken in term time is 25 hours of lost. Please ask yourselves how will you deliver this learning at home?

If a leave of absence is required the correct process is:

- Complete a Request for Leave of Absence Form.
- Make an appointment to meet with Mrs Holgate the Head teacher.
- Make travel arrangement and provide school with tickets.

Attendance to date

- **Whole school attendance**—Since 1st of September 2023, our attendance is at 93.88% which is getting better but all efforts are centred on having children in school as much as possible especially as so many learning days have been lost to leave in term time.
- **Leave in Term Time**—There have been a 106 pupils that have taken leave in term time losing 1,090 school days which is the same as near 3 calendar years.
- **Penalty Notices & Prosecutions**—Parents of 61 pupils will receive penalty notices and parents of 22 pupils will be prosecuted for Excessive Leave —over 15 days taken meaning the case will go to court.
- **Non report of absence**— Parents of 168 pupils have failed to report their child’s absence 610 time. Penalty Notices will be raised next year for parents that meet the threshold.

Punctuality

- **Lateness**— There were 271 pupils who were late 1,695 times this year compared to 296 pupils who were late 1,967 times last academic year, which shows an improvement but I know we can still do much better as a school.
- **Sever lateness after 9.10am** - 84 pupils were late 194 times which has reduced since last year when 126 pupils were 237 times late. Please work with us to reducing this further next year by reporting absence and asking for help in getting to school on time.

Reasons why not to book Extended Leave in school time:

1. Teachers and Teaching Assistants time is unfairly taken away from the rest of the class that has been attending school regularly to help children who been on leave.
2. The lost learning experiences in class can never be relived. Pupils miss school trips and visitors to school which all form part of childhood memories.
3. Children’s friendships will move on in your child’s absence, making it difficult for your child to read-just upon their return leaving the child feeling excluded.
4. Lost learning create gaps in understanding which may have a knock on effect in the future beyond primary school into secondary school and beyond.
5. Lost time in school creates unnecessary worry and anxiety in children when they realise that their peers and class mate are ahead in learning.

School closes on Friday 19th July at 3.05pm & reopens on Tuesday 3rd September 2024

School Calendar for 2024-25

Green Days are when the school is closed for INSET (training) days

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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**If you need help,
please come and ask us.**

