



January 2024

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the term, despite the particularly cold weather, storms, and traffic chaos in the surrounding area over the last couple of weeks! We have been thrilled to see that the children have returned to school with a positive learning attitude for 2024.

### Attendance

The Government has launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance “**Moments Matter, Attendance Counts**”

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

Our school target for attendance is **96%** and our current whole school attendance figure is **94.8%**.

Gates open for all pupils at 8.15am.

- **EYFS and KS1** (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) children are greeted by their teachers at 8.30am, when the bell goes to line up. **Registers close at 8.40am.** If you arrive at school, after this point, you must register your child's attendance at school at the office
- Our older children, **KS2**, enter school independently and are welcomed into the classroom by their teachers. We expect that all children are in the classroom and ready to learn by **8.30am.** **Registers close at 8.30am.** If you arrive at school, after this point, you must register your child's attendance at school at the office.

Arriving promptly at school makes sure that your child doesn't miss schoolwork and prevents disruption to the teacher and other children. Persistent lateness can lead to a significant loss in learning time. Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing. Ultimately, we all want to give our children the best possible opportunity to be successful.

With this in mind, we are thrilled to welcome Mrs Nicky Matheson to the Team at Hawley Primary School.

*Hello! I am the Home School Link Worker for the Frogmore Cluster of schools, comprising of Frogmore College, Potley Hill Primary School, Hawley Primary School, and Frogmore Infant School.*

*My focus is to work with families in a collaborative and supportive way with a target on improving and maintaining attendance levels. This could be through a home visit to see what extra help families need, through direct work or being a contact at the end of phone.*

*I will be in Hawley Primary School on Thursdays and will be available throughout the week. Please come up and say hello!*

*Best wishes, Nicky Matheson*

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## **Parking**

You may have noticed members of the JRSO Pupil Voice Group (Junior Road Safety Officers) in their high-vis jackets around the school site. They are collaborating with Parking Enforcement Officers and members of the Hampshire Travel Team. We had an assembly this week to discuss the consequences of poor parking and how to keep our school community safe. Please support us as the parking issues around school are only going to improve if we all work together, so we really hope we can rely on you to play your part.

## **School Uniform**

As detailed in our School Uniform Policy, the children are required to wear:

- Burgundy crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan with the embroidered school logo.
- White shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- Grey shorts, trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or burgundy/red and white striped/checked dress in the summer months
- Grey, white, burgundy socks or tights
- black school shoes
- Older children may change into trainers in the lunch break if they wish, particularly if playing field or playground games such as football.

## **PE kit**

- Black shorts
- House Team T-shirt – available to purchase from the school in the appropriate House team colour
- Black plimsolls/trainers
- Trainers for outdoor PE sessions
- Black jogging trousers or leggings for outdoor, winter sports activities

**Children are not permitted to wear any jewellery in school.** If your child has pierced ears, only plain gold or silver studs may be worn i.e., no jewelled studs or hoops.

Nail polish, nail art, glitter tattoos or temporary hair colour are not appropriate for school. Keep them for the weekends.

## **Reading at Home**

It is also imperative that we teach the core skills, especially reading, and Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics, guided reading, class readers and use of the school library, (amongst many other initiatives), children have many opportunities to read or engage with books throughout the school day. However, listening to them read at home really does have a huge impact on their fluency and long-term progress, so please support our children by listening to them read 5 times a week and log them in their reading record.

Please find attached our phase curriculum newsletters. You can find further information about our topic curriculum content in our knowledge organisers located on our website.

<https://www.hawleyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Cycle+A&pid=95>

And finally, thank you all for your continued support. Enjoy your weekend when it finally arrives.

Kind regards,



Miss Baker  
Headteacher

