



Parkwall Primary School Safeguarding Bulletin

Topic: Attendance Matters – Supporting Your Child’s Welfare and Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Parkwall Primary School, your child’s safety, wellbeing, and education are our top priorities. Regular attendance plays a vital role in their development, ensuring they thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Why Attendance Matters

- 1. Safety and Wellbeing:**
Attending school regularly means your child is in a safe and supervised environment, building positive relationships with peers and trusted adults.
- 2. Educational Success:**
Consistent attendance enables your child to keep up with lessons, fostering confidence and academic achievement. Gaps in learning due to frequent absences can be difficult to recover from, impacting long-term progress.
- 3. Social and Emotional Development:**
School is where children learn teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience. Regular attendance helps them build friendships and social skills that are essential for life.

New Legislation: Strengthening Attendance Expectations

Recent updates to attendance regulations emphasize the importance of consistent school attendance:

- **Parents’ Legal Duty:** The law requires parents to ensure their child attends school regularly. Persistent absences (typically below 90% attendance) can now trigger intervention from the Local Authority.
- **Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN):** In cases of unauthorised absences, such as term-time holidays, FPNs may be issued, starting at £60 per parent, per child.

- **Support Before Enforcement:** Schools and local councils now have greater responsibility to offer early support for families facing barriers to attendance. Please contact us if you need assistance.

How You Can Support Your Child

1. **Set a Routine:**
A consistent bedtime and morning schedule helps children arrive at school on time and ready to learn.
2. **Communicate with Us:**
If your child is unwell or facing challenges that affect their attendance, let us know immediately. We're here to help.
3. **Celebrate Good Attendance:**
Recognize and reward your child for regular attendance—it shows them that school is a priority.

Let's Work Together

Your partnership is crucial in ensuring that every child at Parkwall Primary School has the opportunity to succeed. Together, we can create a positive and safe learning environment where every student feels supported and valued.

For more information, or if you're experiencing difficulties with attendance, please contact the school office at Parkwallprimary@sgmail.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Safeguarding Team
Parkwall Primary School

This bulletin is part of our ongoing commitment to raising awareness about safeguarding issues and ensuring that every child feels safe, supported, and valued. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.