



Attendance Information

September 2023

A message from our executive Principal Sophie Murfin

We would like to welcome back all our pupils old and new and their families.

Good attendance and punctuality remains a key priority for us due to the impact poor attendance can have on learning. We are pleased that our attendance continues to improve and would like to thank you for your commitment and support. .

Absence Line

Please remember to ring in or email before 9am to report your child's absence each day.



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Wise Owl Trust Term Dates

| Term Dates 2023—2024 | |
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| Autumn 1 | |
| School opens : | 5th September 2023 |
| School closes : | 20th October 2023 |
| Autumn 2 | |
| School opens: | 30th October 2023 |
| School closes : | 21st December 2023 |
| Spring 1 | |
| School opens: | 8th January 2024 |
| School closes: | 16th February 2024 |
| Spring 2 | |
| School opens: | 26th February 2024 |
| School closes: | 28th March 2024 |
| Summer 1 | |
| School opens: | 15th April 2024 |
| School closes: | 24th May 2024 |
| Summer 2 | |
| School opens: | 10th June 2024 |
| School closes: | 25th July 2024 |

School closed for teacher training

Monday 4th September 2024

School closed for bank holidays

Monday 6th May 2023.



GET SUPPORT

Are you and your family struggling to make ends meet and need support?

Do you live in Manchester or Salford?

From time to time, we all need a little help and sometimes it's hard to know where to turn. Wood Street Mission helps support families living on a low income in Manchester and Salford with practical help and services.

We can help you with children's clothes, toys, bedding, baby equipment and toiletries through our Family Basics Centre from our base in Manchester City Centre.

How does it work?

You need to be referred to the Wood Street Mission by a professional who knows your family circumstances for example, someone from school, social worker, health worker, midwife or support worker.

Old Hall Drive: Jeanette Turner

Briscoe Lane: Janet Lloyd

Seymour Road: Siobhan Burke



Do you know about the Minor Ailment Scheme?

Pharmacists are experts in medicines who can help you with minor health concerns.

As qualified healthcare professionals, they can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains.

If symptoms suggest it's something more serious, pharmacists have the right training to make sure you get the help you need. For example they will tell you if you need to see a GP.

All pharmacists train for 5 years in the use of medicines. They are also trained in managing minor illnesses and providing health and wellbeing advice.

DON'T FORGET

School will not authorise a full day for medical appointments you must provide medical evidence for us to authorise the absence. It is important that you inform school in advance about medical appointments. You can always get your child's mark first thing in the morning before taking them for their appointment, this will help to keep your child's attendance above national average. Please try and make GP and dental appointments out of school hours. If you do need to take your child out of school for medical appointments please let staff know in advance, and provide medical evidence.

School do not allow children to leave school early unless for emergencies as this is disruptive for the class teacher and the other children who are learning. This will be monitored if it happens regularly

Persistent Absence And Its Effects

What is persistent absence?

It is when a child misses 10% of a school year

Persistent absence is a serious problem for pupils. Much of the work children miss when they are off school is never made up, leaving these pupils at a considerable disadvantage for the remainder of their school career. There is also clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement:

Of pupils who miss more than 50 per cent of school, only three per cent manage to achieve five A* to Cs including English and maths.

Of pupils who miss between 10 per cent and 20 per cent of school, only 35 per cent manage to achieve five A* to C GCSEs including English and maths.

Of pupils who miss less than five per cent of school, 73 per cent achieve five A* to Cs including English and maths.

What do EYFS children miss?

- Routine
- Independence
- Developing Social skills
- Phonics, maths and reading
- How to write / hold a pen

What do Upper Phase children miss?

- Routine
- Guided reading
- Learning about set topics and exploring their knowledge
- Year 6 - the child is missing vital learning for their SATS

PLATINUM!

100%

97%

Up to 6 days
absence from

96.9% - 93%

Up to 14 days
absence from
school

92.9% - 90%

Up to 20 days
absence from

Below 90%

**Persistently ab-
sence from**

Well Done!

High attendance leads to improved and high achievement which means greater success .

Worrying!

Too many missed school days. Less chance of success .

Concern!

Reduced chance of success. Possible court action.

Serious!

Lowest chance of success. Possible court action.

There are 175 non school days a year

That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments

Is my child too ill for school?

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 1 day (24 hours). If your child has been sick once and has no temp and is not complaining of being sick, they can come to school.