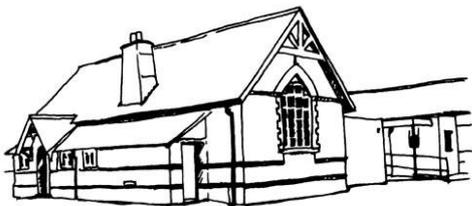


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Dear Parents

## Planned national fixed penalties for absence/lateness

You may have read/seen on recent media channels that the government is currently undertaking a consultation and propose to introduce a replacement for the *Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006* which govern the keeping of attendance and admission registers, access to and sharing of register data and the rules for granting leaves of absence.

### Why do they propose to make amendments to the regulations?

*“Currently, each local authority decides the thresholds at which it will issue a penalty notice for unauthorised absence. This means that enforcement for an absence may be taken against a parent living in one local authority’s area, but the same absence would not be subject to enforcement in a neighbouring authority’s area.”<sup>1</sup>*

The intention is to replace individual local authority codes of conduct for issuing fixed penalty notices with a national threshold. Absence/lateness will be monitored on a national level by the DfE by remotely accessing digital registers in schools and penalty notices issued where applicable.

### In what circumstances do they propose to issue fixed penalty notices?

- 10 sessions of unauthorised absence **including lateness** in a term
- **Any** incidence of unauthorised holiday in term time
- Any sessions of unauthorised absence immediately following a leave of absence in term time

After two fixed penalty notices have been issued in a year, the next step would be to seek prosecution.

Please note in particular the new inclusion of **lateness** under this revision to the regulations. At the present time we do not know when this consultation will become statutory, but would suggest that parents adopt good habits with immediate effect and always ensure that your child(ren) is (are) in the school line when the bell rings at 9.00am.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Rosemarie James".

**ROSEMARIE JAMES** (Mrs)  
Headteacher

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<sup>1</sup> DfE: *School Registers and National Thresholds for Legal Intervention*



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