

Spa Academy News – Autumn Term

September 2019



We have had such a fantastic start to the new school year! Everyone looks fantastic in their new school uniform and are really taking responsibility by ensuring they wear it every day.

We have welcomed our new Year 3 pupils who have shown fabulous attitudes to learning and exceeded our expectations for behaviour. Miss Durham and Mr Gelsthorpe have both enjoyed getting to know everyone in our school community. Mrs Wragg, our new SEN leader and Assistant Headteacher, has already met with lots of parents and is supporting pupils working in our new pastoral room.



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Friday 27th September
- McMillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 17th October
- Parents Evening

Wednesday 23rd October – Halloween Discos

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019 - Half Term Holiday

Friday 20th December 2019 - Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

PE KITS

If you have still not collected your PE Kit, please contact the school office who will order one for you. PE Kits should consist of a white t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers or black PE pumps. Please make sure all kits and PE bags are named. Pupils should keep their kit in school at all times as staff will send them home for school holidays to be washed.



Letters and texts will be sent home if pupils come to school not wearing full uniform or without a PE kit.

School Lunches

Our new school menus will start from 23rd September, giving the pupils a wider choice of main courses, which they will select in the classroom with their teachers. Each day they will be issued with a coloured wristband before they enter the dining hall, which will indicate their choice of meal. This will guarantee that the children will have the main course of their choice.

We hope that this new system, already operating successfully in other schools (including those within Leger Education Trust), will result in:

- happier children (because they get to eat the food of their choice)
- less waste (because children are eating food they like)
- children making independent eating choices.

School meals now cost £2.10 per day (£10.50 for the week)

Attendance Update

'on time, in school'

Good attendance means being in school for at least 96% of the time or 183 to 190 days.

This means that there are 175 non-school days to take holidays, visit family, go shopping and attend appointments.

Make sure your child is at school and ready to learn when the bell rings at 8.40am.



New Office Hours

From September the office will only be open from 8.30 until 9.30 and 2.30 until 3.30 for general enquiries, payments and to arrange meetings. In between these hours the office will still be open for collection and returning of children.

It's OK to miss school if:

- ✓ Your child has an illness
- ✓ It's the school holidays

It's NOT OK to miss school if:

- ✗ They want to go shopping
- ✗ Their sibling is poorly
- ✗ It's their birthday
- ✗ They have a dentist appointment in the morning (try and organise appointments out of school hours)
- ✗ They have fallen out with a friend

If your child is going to be absent:

- Contact the school on the first day of absence
- Advise the school as to how long you think your child will be absent, if possible
- Bring a note of explanation when your child returns and find out what work they have missed

Water Bottles

Please make sure that your child brings a drink of water to school every day in a non-breakable bottle. Cups will be available in the classroom for pupils to get a drink if needed.

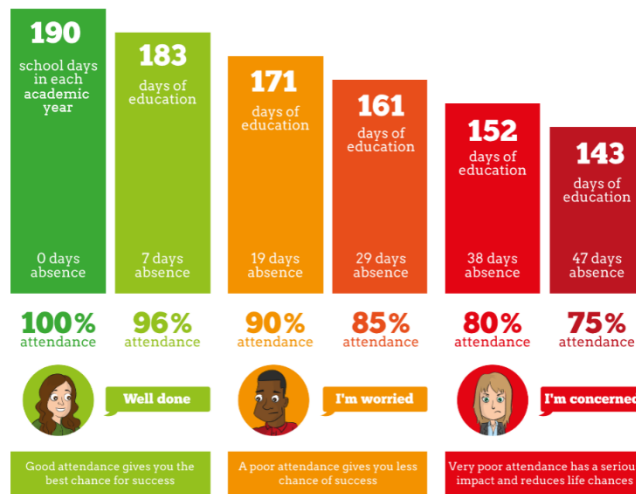


Bus Users

We will continue to supervise children who catch the bus home after school and would like to thank parents and carers for their support (particularly when buses do not turn up!) A huge thankyou to our school staff for their patience and commitment.



Do you know what good attendance is?



Did you know?

A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Start time and Breakfast Club

From Monday 23rd September our playgrounds will be **closed until 8.30am** when our staff begin playground duties. This is to ensure that the safeguarding and supervision of the pupils in our care remains a priority. From 8.30am pupils and parents will be able to enter the playgrounds through the main front gate and the gate situated off Alfred Road.

Our Breakfast Club will continue to open from 8am every morning for children arriving early to school, particularly those arriving by public transport. Pupils wishing to use breakfast club will enter through the main school entrance and be signed in by a member of staff. They will then have the choice of buying a selection of breakfast items, playing games and other activities until school starts at 8.40am.