



This term's school value is respect

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back! We that you all had a wonderful Christmas, and a very Happy New Year from all the staff at Soudley.

We would like to welcome Mr Kemp to our team. Mr Kemp says that he has really enjoyed his first week at Soudley School.

Next week we will be welcoming Miss Lazaris. She will be supporting Hedgehogs Class children.

We have also successfully appointed Mrs Robins to help out with our pre-school children, and she will be joining us in a few weeks time.

Mrs Davis

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the kindness and welcoming atmosphere I have experienced here in my first week! Everybody has been really supportive and friendly; I couldn't have asked for a better welcome .

Mr Kemp

Things Happening at Soudley School Week Commencing 9 January 2023 8am – 8.30am DAILY - BREAKFAST CLUB - £2.50 per child per day

Mon

Tues

Hindu workshop for Moles and Otters pupils

Weds

Thurs

PE with Progressive Sports
All children to wear PE kits to school except for Reception children who will keep their PE kit in school to change into

3-4 pm Multi Sports After School Club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

Fri

Term Date

Term 1

5th Sept to
21st Oct

Term 2

31 Oct to 16th
Dec

Term 3

3rd Jan to 17th
Feb

Term 4

27th Feb to
31st March

Term 5

17th April to
26th May

Term 6

5th June to
25th July

Inset Days:

5th Sept
21st Oct
3rd Jan
24th and 25th
July

Other dates:



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Please check your child/ren's ParentPay account and settle any outstanding monies owing for

- **Pantomime**
- **School Lunches taken**
- **Term 1 Swimming and Term 2 Swimming**
- **November and December Milk**

Thank you

Diary Dates 2022-2023

January 2023

March 2023

Red Nose Day

June 2023

19-21 Otters Class Residential visit to Viney Hill

Appointments during school hours

Please avoid arranging medical/dental appointments during the school day.

We do know this cannot always be helped, however, appointments at the end of the school day (from 2 pm onwards) are far less disruptive to your child's education than morning appointments please.

Pupils should be collected from school with just enough time to allow to get to the appointment on time and, if the school day has not ended, they should be returned to school immediately afterwards please.

You should also provide the school with a copy of your child's appointment letter for the attendance register.

Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Reminders:

- Please ensure that Lunches are ordered on ParentPay by 8.30 am on the day they are required
- For the Health and Safety of the children, parents must not bring their children through the staff car park when dropping off or picking up from school.

Children may only be brought through the staff car park when the pedestrian gates to the playground are locked during the school day, and then **children must be escorted through the car park to keep them safe.**

- Please remember to inform the school office by 9.30 am each day, if your child is going to be absent from school.

Thank you



Dedicated to giving **EVERY** child the **RIGHT** to be physically active

We invite **YOUR CHILD** along to our after school **Multi-Sports Club!**

PROGRESSIVE SPORTS are offering your child the opportunity to attend our weekly **MULTI-SPORTS** after school club at **SOUDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL** every **Thursday after school** with Mr Knight.

Children attending the multi-Sports sessions will develop their main physical attributes such as agility, balance, coordination, speed, running, throwing, hitting, catching, and kicking skills.

The Sport will change every week at Multi-Sports club where children will have chance to try a wide range of different sports including Football, Tag Rugby, Cricket, Rounders, Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Tennis, Archery, Gymnastics plus many more.

Come along and join us, it won't be the same without you!

IT'S SUPER EASY TO SIGN UP!!!

All you need to do is complete the application form below, and then hand it back to the school office.

CLUB INFORMATION

Multi-Sports Club is open to all boys and girls in school that are in Reception and KSI (Year 1 and 2)
Every **THURSDAY** after Christmas from 3pm – 4pm

Club starts on Thursday 12th January 2023 for the whole of the term.

Please make sure your child has suitable clothing (P.E KIT), and suitable footwear, preferably trainers. As well as a drink.

Act QUICKLY, ONLY 22 PLACES AVAILABLE

COURSE Application Form

(Please return this form to the School office ASAP, to secure your child a place)

Parent/Guardian Details

Name of Child

DOB

School Year

Title: ___ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

1) _____

Address: _____

2) _____

3) _____

Postcode: _____

Health Problems/Allergies: _____

Home No: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

What can you do to help?

Take an interest in your child's education.

- Ask them about their day and praise and encourage their achievements at school.
- If your child is missing school or is seemingly unhappy, you should discuss your concerns with your child.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of them missing school, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for non-attendance, such as bullying or problems with school work.

Contact the school as soon as possible when a concern is identified so that you can work with them to resolve any difficulties.

Be willing to engage with any support offered by the school or Gloucestershire County Council Support Services.

Make sure your child arrives at school on time for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

If your child is ill or absent for any other reason, contact the school on the first day of absence.

Follow the school's procedures for notifying absence, and always let the school know of any days that your child is unable to attend.

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It all adds up!



Can they afford to keep missing out?

Every Minute Counts!

Being late for school reduces learning time.

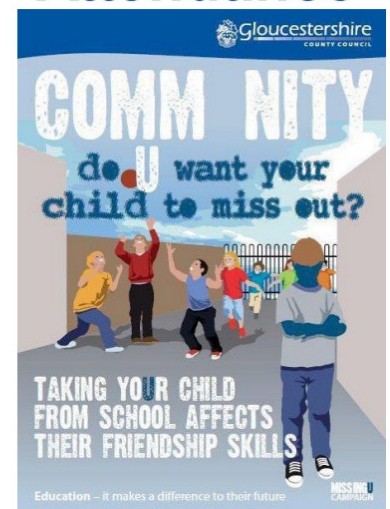
5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed per year.

15 minutes late every day = 9 days of learning missed per year.

Arriving late can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.



School Attendance



Information for Parents and Carers



Why is it important for children not to miss school?

Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up. Employers want to recruit people who are reliable. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age will also help your child later on in life.

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows children who are not regularly attending school are:

- More likely to become involved in, or be a victim of crime and anti-social behavior.
- More likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results.
- Less likely to achieve 5 good GCSEs (grades 9-5) compared with those with less than 8 days absence.
- More likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine.
- More likely to have reduced self esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard having missed out on key information.



What does the law say?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full-time education.

Once your child is registered at a school you are responsible for making sure he or she attends regularly.

What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?

If your child fails to attend regularly - even if they miss school without you knowing - the Local Authority (LA) may take legal action against you.

Schools will notify you if your child's attendance level is a concern and look to work with you to put in place steps to improve it. If attendance continues to require improvement then schools will look to initiate an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM).

The AIM is the start of the legal process. It is important you engage with the process and work with the support provided to meet the agreed targets. These targets will be reviewed and progress evaluated at a review meeting. If satisfactory progress is made then targets will either be considered met or adjusted until attendance is satisfactory. If progress is not made then you may be referred to the LA for legal intervention.

You run the risk of being issued with a Penalty Notice or being prosecuted in court. If this happens:

- Parents can be fined up to £2,500 or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly.
- Magistrates can also impose a Parenting Order, which means that the parent has to attend a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class.

When is absence authorised?

There may be times when your child has to miss school because they are unwell. If your child becomes ill you should notify the school immediately and follow the school's absence procedures.

Children may have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time. However, you should, whenever possible, try to make routine appointments such as dental check-ups during the school holidays or after school hours. Schools have the right to request medical evidence to validate absences for medical reasons.

If you think you might need to take your child out of school, discuss the reasons with the school as soon as possible. Absence must be requested as far in advance as possible. Absences will only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances.

Examples of absence that may be considered as exceptional circumstances include family bereavement or taking part in an agreed religious observance. The decision on whether to authorise absence is made at the headteacher's discretion.

For more information

For more information you can contact the Local Authority's Education Inclusion Service at:

Phone: 01452 427274

Email: Attendance@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning





Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorized or the request will be granted. Please read the below regarding penalties:



Request for a leave of absence during term time

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Headteacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances".

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

If requesting a leave of absence you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notice, setting out the reasons. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this **will be recorded as unauthorised leave**.

In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.

Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.