



# Moorfield News

Dear Parent/Carer

## Term Time Holidays and Leave of Absence

I am writing to advise you there will be a change in the school's policy in relation to holidays in term time and other leave of absence. These changes reflect changes in the law in recent years and are in line with the advice and policies promoted by Stockport Council across all the schools in Stockport.

### The Legal Position

Schools are only allowed to authorise leave of absence from school if they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The effect of this change means that it is now very unlikely that permission for pupils for leave of absence for holidays will be granted. Schools may also require evidence to be provided before agreeing to authorise any exceptional leave of absence.

### Education Penalty Notices

In line with the policy of other local schools and Stockport Council, parents should be aware that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 if holidays or other leave of absence are taken during term time without permission they may be issued with Education Penalty Notices by the Local Authority.

Education Penalty Notices will not be issued this academic year (2019/20) on the advice of our Education Welfare Officer due to the school not adopting this expected protocol in the past.

Education Penalty Notices are fixed penalty fines of £60 (rising to £120 if unpaid within 21 days) per parent per child by Stockport Council.

### **Requests for Leave of Absence [to be tailored to the school's needs]**

Parents are strongly requested to take holidays during the school holidays. If you wish to request Leave of Absence for any reason we would ask you to do so in writing to me by completing a Leave of Absence request form at least four weeks before the start of the proposed leave.

100%	Excellent
97-99%	Good
93-96%	Cause for Concern
90-92%	Poor
<90%	Unacceptable (Persistent Absence)
1 day off a fortnight	= 90% attendance
2 days off a fortnight	= 80% attendance
3 days off a fortnight	= 70% attendance
4 days off a fortnight	= 60% attendance



# Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
6:00pm - Junior Hall



Keeping the children safe in school is our number one priority. However we seem to have a problem currently with parents and carers walking around the back of the school to move from the KS1 playground to the KS2 playground, as well as adults who are using the heart garden as a meeting place after school. We have also had incidences of adults sat in the heart garden while their children partake in an extra curricular activity after school. Can I please urge you to follow the basic safeguarding rules and stay in the designated areas for collection of children. These are the two playgrounds for collection after school and outside the main doors for collection after extra curricular school clubs.

### All welcome!

At Octobers meeting the previous academic year's income and expenditure for the PTA will be presented and plans and expectations for this year's income and expenditure discussed, along with the Head teachers aspirations for the school.

**Re-election** As per every AGM, all the Moorfield Home & School Association committee roles will be up for re-election: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, & Secretary If you would like to put yourself forward for any of these roles, or require any further information please email: [janerobinson.mhsa@gmail.com](mailto:janerobinson.mhsa@gmail.com)  
(Any role nominations to be received by 12:00 midday on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Thank you.)



## Picture News

at Home

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
What's going on this week?



Many charities have campaigned for the teaching of first aid in the UK and Ireland to become part of the school curriculum. Now, for pupils in England first aid classes will be compulsory from September 2020 with schools in Wales, Scotland and Ireland expected to follow. First aid classes will be taught in primary and secondary schools. Primary schools will be taught basic skills such as how to call emergency services, whereas secondary schools will be taught life-saving skills such as how to help someone who is suffering a heart attack. 1,600 schools in England will take part in the new first aid lessons this year as part of a trial, before it becomes compulsory.

#### Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think first aid should be taught in school? If so, what age do you think it should be taught?
- How much do you know about first aid? Have you already been taught some skills?
- Have you ever been in an emergency situation, if so, were you able to stay calm? Would first aid training have helped?