

## REGULAR ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall wellbeing

## AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Schools must only grant levels of absence for specific circumstances set out in the 2024 attendance regulations.

The permitted circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance or employment abroad.
- Attending an interview.
- Study leave.
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable.
- Exceptional circumstances.

Unfortunately, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.



## PENALTY NOTICE CHANGES

There are significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time.

New penalty rates:

£160 per parent per child, £80 if paid within 21 days.

Second offence within 3 years: £160 with no discount.

Penalty after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.

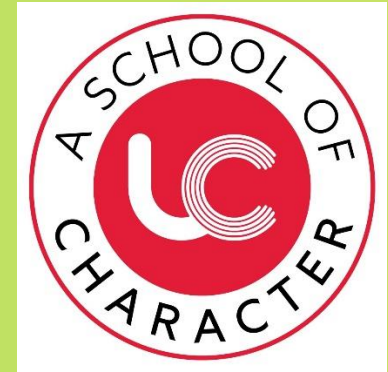
This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.

Max 2 penalties in 3 years per child. Further offences may lead to prosecution



## LATE TO SCHOOL

School registers close at 9.00am. The guidance states, "if a pupil ...arrives...after the register has closed, the attendance register must be amended to record them as absent using code U or another absence code that is more appropriate".



## Attendance Update

### Statutory Government Guidelines



## ACADEMIC BENEFITS

### Better Learning

Regular attendance helps pupils keep up with lessons and understand new learning.

### Make Progress

Attending school everyday means pupils don't fall behind and can stay on track.

### Higher Attainment

Being in school regularly gives children more chances to improve their attainment.

### Increased Participation.

Regular attendance helps pupils get involved in a wide range of activities.

### Extra Support

Pupils who attend regularly have better access to teachers and extra help when needed.



## SOCIAL BENEFITS

### Improved Social skills

Being in school helps children make friends and learn how to work with others.

### Sense of Belonging

Attending regularly helps children feel part of the school community.

### Teamwork

Working with classmates in lessons and activities builds teamwork skills.

## WELLBEING BENEFITS

### Emotional Stability

Being in school helps children to learn to manage emotions, builds patience, cooperation, and independence.

### Good Habits

Regular attendance builds important life skills like time management and responsibility.



## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Following the new government statutory guidance around attendance, we want to reiterate the support that is available to our children and their families.

At Liverpool College we are committed to developing a supportive and nurturing environment that prioritises the mental health and well being of every student.

Our teaching staff and Inclusion Team can provide resources, guidance, and care needed to help our pupils thrive academically and personally.

