

Monday 5th September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break with your children. We would like to welcome you all back to a new and exciting academic year and for those families who are joining us for the first time, we warmly welcome you to All Saints National Academy and look forward to working with you.

Dropping off/Collecting your child

Parents are welcome to come onto the school site to drop-off/collect your child/ren but we do ask that parents do not enter the school building itself. You will be able to enter the school site via the main gate on High Street for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Years 5 and 6 will be asked to use the gate on Wolverhampton Road. School starts at 8:45am. Gates will be open from 8:40am. There will be a member of staff on each playground to collect any messages and these will be passed on to the class teacher. This is to ease any congestion and ensure that the children are able to enter the building in a calm manner setting them up for a brilliant school day.

At home time, the class teacher will bring their class out onto the playground where you dropped your child off in the morning. The only exception to this is Mrs Jones' Year 3/4 class who will be dismissed from the yard by the gate on Wolverhampton Road. The children will be lined up and then handed over to you. School finishes at **15.15pm** and the gates will be open from 15:10pm. When you enter the school site at home time please remember to give the children space and wait until your child is sent to you. If you would like to speak to the class teacher then please wait until the rest of the class has been dismissed.

Parking

As you are all aware our school is in the heart of Bloxwich. We ask that you are respectful when parking your cars when dropping off and collecting your child/ren and do not block resident's driveways.

It is illegal to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school, parking opposite these lines is also dangerous. Please adhere to this.

Attendance

Each child has an attendance record that is completed daily. If your child arrives at school on time, ready to learn they are marked as 'present' by the class teacher.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason at all, please contact the main office on the first day of your child's absence. Failure to contact the school may result in:

- A call from the main office
- A home visit from the academy

Continued absence and/or failure to contact the academy may result in:

- Prosecution by Walsall Council
- Intervention from the police

All Saints National Academy has a duty of care once your child enters the education system. If we do not know why a pupil is absent and we are concerned by the unknown absence, the academy may have no alternative but to contact Walsall Social Services and/or the police and report your child as missing in education.

Leave of Absence

Did you know?

- Children only spend 190 days each year in school.
- Children who lose time from school do not do as well as they could.

There is never a good time to take children away from learning especially when...

- Children have important assessments in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6.
- They move from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2.
- They move to Secondary School.

It is NOT true...

- That children can have 10 days holiday each year/
- That they will catch up.
- That lessons they miss were repeated at a later stage in the year.

It is TRUE that...

If the Executive Principal/Head of School refuses permission, for whatever reason, for you child(ren) to undertake leave in term time (holiday), the academy will record their leave as an 'unauthorised absence'. This can lead to Court Action. Each parent will be fined a minimum £60 per child or £120 depending on how soon payment is made.

Arriving Late

When you child is late arriving at school, they miss the teacher's input and introduction to the learning taking place. This has a negative impact on your child's education and is disruptive to their classmates. Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child.

If your child is late each day by	Each year they will miss as much as
5 minutes	3.7 days
10 minutes	7.4 days
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	14.7 days

30 minutes

22 days

If you are having difficulties in maintaining your child's attendance or punctuality you should speak to the academy as soon as possible. Please make an appointment to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will be able to advise, support you, and where appropriate, engage with external agencies. REMEMBER, WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

Communication

By the end of this week you will have received communication from your child's class teacher with how we communicate with you and how you can communicate with them! Across the academy we will be using Class Dojo. Please ensure your contact details are up-to-date with the main office.

Reading

We are asking for your support with your child's reading. We ask that you listen to your child read every night. 10 minutes a day can equate to 12 months progress in your child's reading ability. Reading is really important as it aids in your child accessing learning and understanding the task set.

PE

Your child's teacher will advise their day for PE. Children to come to school in their PE kits on that day. Please ensure that your child does not come with jewellery as this is a Health and Safety concern – this can cause injury to themselves or others. PE will commence during week beginning Monday 12th September 2022.

It is going to be wonderful to see so many happy faces coming through the school gates on Wednesday's morning. The classrooms are certainly buzzing with anticipation and we are hoping the children will settle straight back into school life once again.

We will be hosting a morning assembly on Wednesday where the children will be welcomed back, a discussion about their feelings about returning back to school, and the setting of both behaviours and learning behaviours will be established.

We look forward to building a strong relationship with all of our All Saints Family, and we are planning to host an open morning for families to meet both myself and Miss. Adamson. This will be a relaxed environment where tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided – please come and join us once the invite goes out.

If you require anything, please do not hesitate to contact the main office on 01922 710210.

Kind regards,



Mr. J. Dean

(Executive Principal)

Miss. R. Adamson

(Head of School)