Birchfield PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELFARE NEWSLETTER

Attendance continues to be a key priority at our school, and we are delighted to see the positive impact of the efforts made by pupils, families and staff this term. Regular attendance helps children make the most of every learning opportunity, build strong friendships and develop positive routines. Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Attendance Matters
Every Day Counts....

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	

❄️ Winter Attendance Tips for Families

The winter months can bring colds, darker mornings and colder weather, making it more challenging to maintain regular attendance. Here are some helpful tips for families:

- 👚 Prepare the night before by laying out school uniforms, packing bags and checking timetables.
- ⏰ Maintain a consistent bedtime routine to ensure children get enough sleep and are ready for school each morning.
- 🌡️ Remember that minor coughs, colds and sniffles are usually not reasons to stay off school. If you are unsure, please contact the school office for advice.
- 🚶 Allow extra travel time on frosty, rainy or icy mornings to avoid rushing and arriving late.
- 🍎 Encourage a healthy diet and regular hydration to help strengthen children's immune systems during winter.
- 📅 Book routine medical and dental appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- 📞 Keep in touch with school if your child is experiencing difficulties that may affect their attendance. We are here to support you.

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Community Hub

Please see list of various courses running and due to run in the upcoming term- If you are interested in attending the Digital Learning Class please register your interest by turning up on the day (Dec 1st 2026)

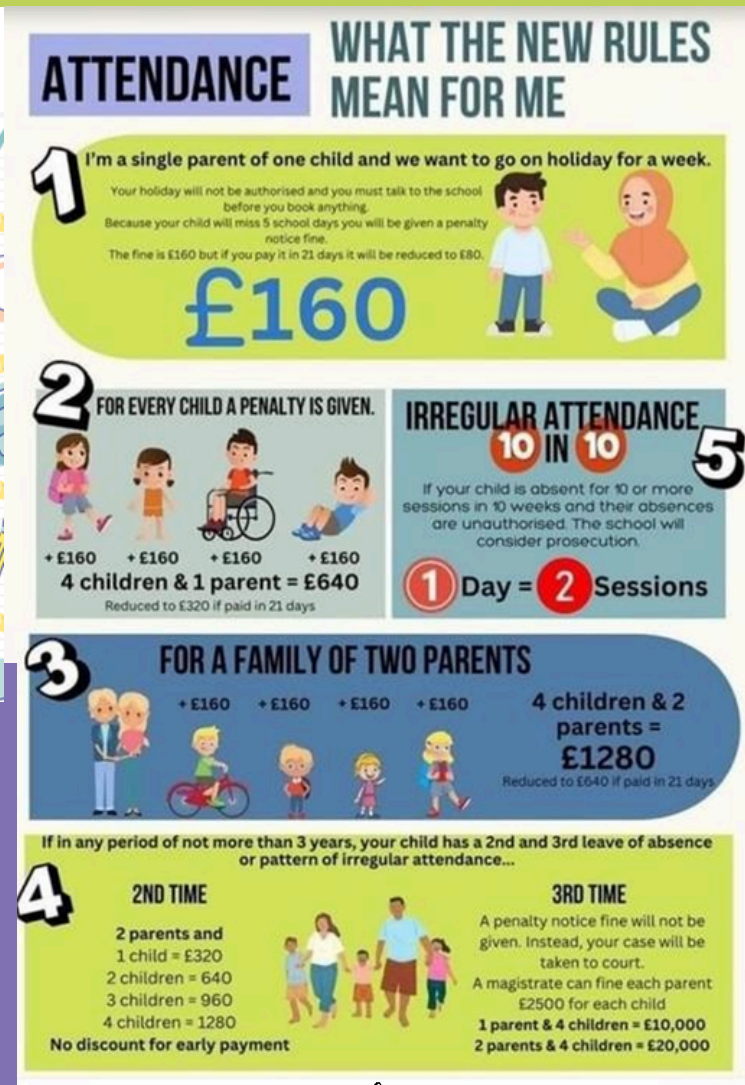
COMMUNITY HUB SCHEDULE OCT-NOV26

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9-10am	Creative Esol- New Hope Global	Adult Esol- BEAS	Adult Esol- BEAS	Adult Esol- BEAS	
10-11am	Creative Esol- New Hope Global	Adult Esol- BEAS	Adult Esol- BEAS	Adult Esol- BEAS	
11-12am	Creative Esol- New Hope Global	Adult Esol- BEAS	Adult Esol- BEAS	Adult Esol- BEAS	
12-1pm	Creative Esol- New Hope Global	Digital learning- Saathi House(Dec1st)	Adult Esol- BEAS	Adult Esol- BEAS	
1pm-2pm		Digital learning- Saathi House(Dec1st)	Adult Esol- BEAS	Adult Esol- BEAS	
2pm-3pm		Digital learning- Saathi House(Dec1st)			
3pm-4pm		Digital learning- Saathi House(Dec1st)			

WELL DONE TO 5B FOR BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE LAST TERM!

Registration Form	Attendance	Lates
5B	98.5%	1
5N	98.4%	11
3A	98.2%	13
5F	98.1%	8
4R	98.1%	4
2C	98.0%	10
6B	97.8%	13
3HF	97.8%	19
6S	97.3%	19
4HU	97.1%	9
4P	96.7%	11
1N	96.5%	21
6F	95.9%	6
2NZ	95.2%	5
Resource Base (Reg)	93.8%	38
1H	93.8%	10
NURSERY F/T	93.8%	1
NURSERY AM	93.1%	2
RM	93.0%	7
RH	92.8%	4
NURSERY PM	85.3%	11

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PENALTY NOTICES AUGUST 2024 REMINDER





We understand that maintaining regular school attendance can sometimes be challenging. If you are experiencing any difficulties that may be affecting your child's attendance, please contact the school. We are committed to working in partnership with families and can offer advice, guidance, and support to help improve attendance and ensure your child receives the best possible education.

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