



The Whartons Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome children and families back to school and hope that everyone had an enjoyable break.

It is great to see all the children back. We are all ready and excited for the new term.

I would like to draw your attention to national changes in regard to fining for unauthorised absences in term time. The new rules came into effect from August 19th 2024.

I have attached guidance from Leeds City Council to schools which explains the new rules and cumulative approach to repeated term time absences.

At The Whartons, we strive to ensure that all children receive the best possible education, and that each child reaches their full potential. In order to achieve this, it is vital that your child attends school every day and on time, unless they are too ill to attend or in exceptional circumstances.

Good attendance supports good learning and leads to good opportunities and outcomes for children.

It is a Parent/Carer's responsibility to ensure their child comes to school every day and it is the school's responsibility to oversee the attendance on behalf of the local authority.

I appreciate your continued support.

Kind regards,

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)

