

# Lower Fields Primary Academy



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The first 2 weeks of school have really passed at quite a pace, it feels as though we have done so much already! All of our pupils have now started school including our new starters in Nursery and Reception. It has been a joy to see how well the children have settled back into our more 'normal' routine. I recently showed a new governor around school and she admired the positive learning atmosphere and buzz around school. I'm looking forward to seeing the children flourish throughout the year. There's lots of new information and reminders to share, so hopefully this new look newsletter will do the job. *Mrs Gavin*

## Uniform Reminders

A huge thankyou to all the parents who have ensured that their children have the correct uniform on returning to school—they really do look smart!

**PE Kit:** Children are invited to wear their PE kit on their PE days. However, I have already spotted a number of children wearing a range of outfits. PE kit is:

- Plain navy blue/black shorts/leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white (or Delta logoed) T-Shirt
- School jumper or cardigan over the top
- Trainers or pumps



Please ensure that your children stick to the required kit. Children should not be wearing multicoloured outfits with slogans on, or wearing any kind of crop tops which are inappropriate for school.

**Thank you for your support with this**



## Congratulations!

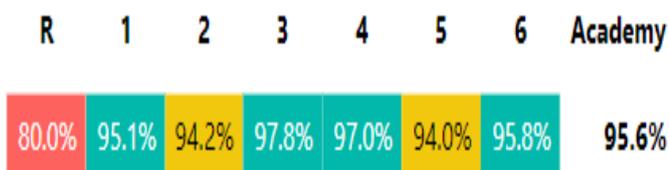
On Friday afternoon I was invited to attend a presentation ceremony, along with Amanda Hodgson our Parental Involvement Worker. At the ceremony we were awarded the:

**'Positive Parental Engagement Mark of Excellence'**



I'd like to say a huge Thank You and Well Done to Amanda for all the hard work she put into achieving this award and of course to you as parents who continue to engage so well with us.

## Attendance



*Congratulations to Year 3 who after 2 weeks back, currently have the best attendance in school at 97%!*

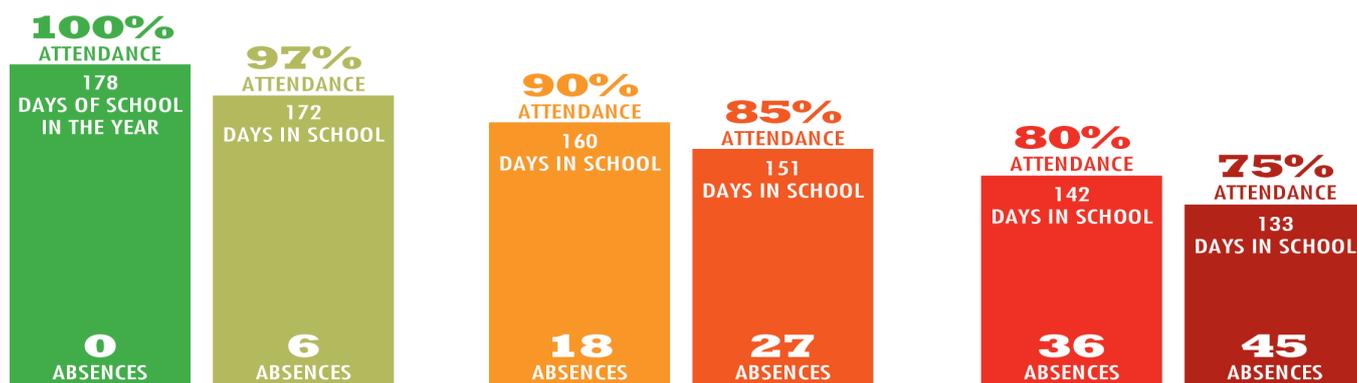
*It's also good to see that the whole school attendance is pushing close to our target of 96%.*

It is crucial that all pupils come to school on time, everyday, unless they are too ill to be here. Many children have already missed such a lot of learning time due to Covid, so we all need to work hard to ensure pupils can meet their year group expectations by attending school everyday.

**Start of the Day:** Pupils are asked to arrive between **8.45am and 8.55am**. After 8.55am pupils are late and the doors will close. Children will then have to enter school via the main office. Learning begins as soon as the day begins, so pupils who are late will miss out on learning.

**End of the Day:** Children should be collected at **3.15pm**. Any children not collected by 3.25pm will be taken to the main office and parents contacted. Please help us and our staff by being on time. If an emergency occurs and you know that you will be late, please phone the school office and let us know.

**Absence:** Please report any pupil absence by **8.45am**. If a child is absent and we do not receive a phone call or message from parents, we will visit the home or arrange a visit to ensure that the child is safe. We work with a company called BCL (many of you will know Ben from visits that he has previously made) and you will also see members of their staff on the gate talking to families who are late. We aim to work closely with families who are struggling with attendance, but ultimately poor attendance can lead to prosecution.



**We're impressed!**

**GOOD ATTENDANCE**  
Students who are present in the classroom have a great chance for success!

**We're concerned...**

**CHRONICALLY ABSENT**  
Students who miss 10% of school or more may show reduced grade point averages and scores.

**We're worried!**

**EXTREMELY ABSENT**  
Students who miss more than 20% of school are less likely to graduate high school.

### *No Dogs Allowed*

A reminder to all parents/carers that dogs are **not allowed** on the school premises. This includes dogs being carried.

We have had instances in the past where dogs have fouled in the school grounds or even attacked others.

This is both unpleasant and dangerous.



### *Do You Have a Question or Suggestion?*

We are continually trying to make communication with parents as easy as possible. If you have a question, concern or idea about your child you can:

- Speak to the Key Worker or Class teacher on the door at the beginning or the end of the day.
- Speak to me Mrs Gavin (Principal), Mrs Hodgson (Parental Involvement), Mrs George (Pastoral Officer) at the beginning of the day around the front gates.
- Send a message via Class Dojo (if you're not yet connected, ring the office and they'll tell you how)
- Ring the office to arrange a meeting with the appropriate adult

## Governor Vacancy

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors (members of the Academy Advisory Board or AAB) in school. The AAB is a group of staff, members of the Trust and volunteers who meet 6 times per year to discuss, monitor, challenge and support the school.

If you have an expertise in Health and Safety, Education, Finance, Safeguarding or simply have an interest and would like to get involved, this could be for you!

Please look out for further information in the next week or so. If you'd like to find out more, please give me a ring or catch me outside! *Mrs Gavin*



### School Dinners

A reminder that all pupils from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals.

You can also apply for school meals if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400

Visit the [Bradford.Gov.uk](http://Bradford.Gov.uk) and type in Free School Meals to find out more.

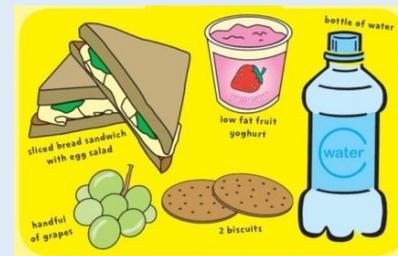
For all other children school meals **cost £2 per day** and can be pre-ordered using the **Live Kitchen** app.

### Packed Lunches

We encourage all parents of pupils who choose to eat packed lunches to provide a balanced lunch.

**For example, this can include:** sandwiches, samosas, fruit, crisps, yoghurt, cheese, vegetable sticks and a small treat such as a biscuit or chocolate bar.

Sweets and fizzy drinks **are not** allowed. (If a child does bring these to school, they will be handed to the teacher to return at the end of the day.)



We also ask that children **do not bring nut based** foods as we have several pupils in school with a nut allergy.

### School Photos

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school this **Friday 24th September**. Please ensure that pupils are in full school uniform and have their cleanest faces and smartest 'hair dos' ready!

**Years 2 and 3** have PE on Friday, so please send them with a clean polo shirt to change into for the pictures.



### New Website

Some of you may have noticed that we now have a shiny new website.

We hope that it is easier for you to find the information that you need.

Please have a look and let us know if there is something that you would like to know about that's not there: [www.lfpa.org.uk](http://www.lfpa.org.uk)

### After School Clubs

Our after school clubs run from 3.15—4.15pm. This half term our after school clubs are:

**Monday:** Year 4,5,6 Boys Football

**Tuesday:** Year 4,5,6 Girls Football & Year 1,2,3 Choir

**Thursday:** Year 1,2,3 Multi Sports Club & Year 4,5,6 Choir

*Parents must complete a permission form and wait for confirmation of a place from the school office.*