

THE SMITH'S WOOD **SUN**

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WELCOME BACK

GOOD ATTENDANCE

Last year, we achieved our highest ever level of attendance, with the average level of attendance (Y1-6) in excess of 96%. Also, levels of Persistent Absence (children below 90% attendance) fell to levels below the national average. Remember, **for your child to achieve the average level, they must have no more than 10 days off in total during the whole school year.**

It is important to note that holidays taken in term time are not permitted, unless the situation is exceptional. Please see the attendance policy, on the school website for further information.

School Uniform

Sincere thanks to all parents and carers who have helped to ensure very high uniform standards at the start of the new term.

We believe that school uniform is an important part of our school identity and have aimed for a smart, affordable uniform.

Black school shoes must be worn during lessons (no trainers). For the benefit of doubt, footwear with stripes, logos etc. (eg Nike, Adidas) are considered as trainers.

Important reminders

Contact details

Please inform the school office if you have changed your phone number or address. This is so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency / school closure.

Health and Safety on the school site

- Parents and carers are requested not to use the school car park to drop off pupils.
- Please ensure that young children are directly supervised at the front of the school. Please do not allow your child to play in front of the main front doors as the doors are controlled remotely and are in constant use at the start and end of the day.
- Parents and carers are reminded that NO DOGS are permitted on the school site. This includes dogs that are being carried.
- Please note that at the start of the day, teachers are required to get the children in quickly in order for the register to be taken. If you need to speak to a teacher, beyond a quick word at the door, please arrange a meeting.

- Parents and carers are reminded that the school operates a zero-tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour on the school site. In 2017-18, 2 parents were banned from the school site (down from 3 in 2016-17). The governing body reserve the right to permanently ban repeat offenders from the school grounds.
- External gates will be locked from 3.20 pm onwards. This is to ensure that the site is secure, as we still have a number of children in school due to after school clubs. Please collect your child promptly and exit the site at the end of the school day.

Who to talk to in the event of a concern

Your child's class teacher will normally be the first person to talk to if you have an issue that needs addressing.

If an issue remains unresolved, please ask to speak to your child's phase leader;

Nursery/ Reception:	Miss Price
Year 1/2:	Mrs Hudson (Assistant Head, KS1 lead)
Year 3/4:	Mr Wright
Year 5/6:	Mr Mills

Mr Taylor (Assistant Head) is also responsible for KS2 and behaviour.

General behaviour concerns: Mr Hobbis

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Autumn Term

Monday 2/9/19:	Teacher Day
Pupils starts on:	Tuesday 3/9/19 at 8.45am
Half Term:	28/10/19– 1/11/19
Teacher Day:	Friday 29/11/19
Term ends:	Friday 20/12/19

Spring Term

Mon 6/1/20:	Teacher Day
Pupils start on:	Tuesday 7/1/20
Half term:	17/2/20– 21/2/20
Term ends:	Friday 3/4/20

Summer Term

Pupils start on:	Mon 20/4/20
May Day:	Friday 08/05/20
Half term:	25/5/20– 29/5/20
Teacher Day:	Friday 26/6/20
Term ends for pupils:	Friday 17/7/20
Teacher Day:	Monday 20/7/20

The school is required to open for pupils for 190 days a year, with 5 additional days designated as staff training days.