

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Wednesday 27th September**, there is a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering in school. At the meeting, we will explain everything you need to know should you want to help out in school with reading, at lunch times, with school trips, or supporting with Friends of School events. It is always great to welcome new volunteers into school and we are very grateful for any support that you may be able to offer. Please could you confirm your attendance by emailing the school office - Thank you.

As we move into the Autumn, please make sure that the children bring coats into school on a daily basis. We do try to make use of the outdoor space as much as possible and we kindly ask that the children bring a pair of wellington boots into school too. If they do not have wellies, they will not be able to use the school field at break and lunch time. We have found that the shorter/ankle wellies are the easiest for the children to manage in school. Whilst mentioning uniform, a polite reminder to make sure that all school uniform is labelled with your child's name. This takes seconds to do and means that you will not lose jumpers, cardigans and coats as we know how frustrating this can be.

School attendance and punctuality has a positive impact on a child's academic, personal development and long term life chances; it is your responsibility as parents and carers to ensure they attend school and are here on time. We know and understand that there are different factors that can affect a child's attendance in school and we will always work alongside our families to offer support should attendance become a concern. Please be aware that if your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will be contacted and informed. This is so we can work together to ensure that their attendance improves. You can find a copy of our school attendance policy on our school website.

Sometimes, when your child has a mild illness, it is hard to know whether to send them to school or not. Here is a link to a guide called 'Is my child too ill for school?' from the NHS, which you can access by clicking [here](#). This may help you with your decision making about whether to send your child into school.

We are keen to ensure that we are providing your child with the best education and support that we can. Did you know that the school can receive £1,345 per pupil, in additional funding to provide free hot meals, and cover the cost of class trips, swimming and residential trips like Mill on The Brue, if families are in receipt of certain benefits? You can see if your and child may be eligible by checking the criteria [here](#). If you would like any further information about applying for free school meals, contact the school office and please rest assured that all discussions will be handled both confidentially and sensitively.

Looking ahead, Term 1 Parent Appointment bookings will go live on **Monday 2nd October**, at 9.00am. You will be able to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher, via our eSchools platform. Friends of School will also be running a pre-loved uniform sale on the playground after school on **Wednesday 27th September**, should you need to stock-up on any uniform items.

We hope that you all have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Your sincerely,
Mr Adam Lewis
Headteacher

