

Chalkhill Primary School

Parent Newsletter



October 2025 Edition

Theme:

Diversity



Coffee Mornings (9–10am)

Thursday 9th October- **“Meet the Head Teacher”**. Everyone is invited to come and receive updates on the school’s progress and an opportunity to ask questions. In the KS1 hall.

Thursday 23rd October– **Cultural dress** and **bring a dish** from your heritage. Let’s meet and share.



ESOL: Continues every Friday 09.00 in the Community Room



School Website & Socials: Have you visited our school website and socials lately?

Website: <https://chalkhillprimaryschool.uk/>

X: @ChalkhillSch

Parent Programs:

Brent offers a range of parent programs. Check the full list of links and dates on their website.

Website: <https://www.brent.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/support-for-parents-and-families>



Emergency Details: Please make sure your emergency contact details and your child’s medical information are up to date with the school office.



Keeping Children Safe

If you are concerned about the safety of any child,
YOU MUST speak to:



Malini Sarkar
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Melissa Evans
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Maureen Anthony
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Rayno Cloete
Designated
Safeguarding Officer

At Chalkhill Primary School, the **safeguarding team** is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our children. If you have any concerns or need to talk, please reach out to any trusted adult at our school.

Sometimes, staff may need to contact the Brent Family Front Door/MASH team to raise a concern about a child's safety on 0208 937 4300 or email: family.frontdoor@brent.gov.uk



If a child is at immediate risk call 999



For any matters concerning safeguarding outside school hours or in the school holidays, please email the school’s DSL on safeguarding@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms Malini Sarkar
Deputy Safeguarding Officers: Mr Rayno Cloete, Ms Anthony and Ms Melissa Evans.

School website:

<https://chalkhillprimaryschool.uk/safeguarding/>

Attendance Matters

Good attendance means

Being in school at least 96% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school for holidays, appointments, exercise

190 days to make the difference

100%
190 days
0 days
absence = 0
lessons missed

Best chance of success
Target for all students 96%

96%
182 days
8 days
absence = 8
48 lessons missed

95%
180 days
10 days
absence = 60
lessons missed

At high risk of underachievement

90%
171 days
19 days
absence = 114
lessons missed

At severe risk of underachievement

85%
161 days
28 days
absence = 174
lessons missed

At severe risk of underachievement

80%
152 days
36 days
absence = 213
lessons missed

90% and lower = Persistent Absence

Attend school regularly, attend school punctually, attend school prepared!

Attendance

Please ensure your child attends school regularly unless they are unwell with vomiting, diarrhea, or have a medical appointment. Consistent absence can cause children to fall behind in their learning, widening the gap between them and their peers.

Also, the government has introduced stricter measures regarding school attendance, and parents may face increased fines if their child is taken out of school for holidays during term time.



ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



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FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

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FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

September Events

