



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! The children have made a superb start to the new school year and it is wonderful to see so many happy and eager faces back at Edale! Below is some key information regarding this year but, as always, if you have any questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Key Dates for the year:

- **INSET Day:** 7th October (school will be closed to children on this day)
- **Parents' Evenings:** Tuesday 11th October & Thursday 13th October
- **October half-term:** Monday 17th October – Friday 28th October (children return on 31st October 2022)
- **Christmas Holidays:** Thursday 22nd – Wednesday 4th January (children return on Thursday 5th January 2023)
- **INSET Day:** 10th February 2023
- **February half-term:** Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February (children return on Monday 20th February 2023)
- **Easter Holidays:** Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April (children return on Monday 17th April 2023)
- **Y6 SATS Week:** Monday 8th May – Thursday 11th May 2023
- **May Half-term:** Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June (children return on Monday 5th June)
- **INSET Day:** 3rd July 2023
- **Last Day of School:** Friday 28th July 2023

The School Day

- **8:40:** Gates open
- **8:45:** School Day starts (children arriving after 8:50 will be considered late)
- **15:15:** The school day ends.

Attendance and Lateness

Attendance and punctuality is vital if your child is to achieve their potential. The table below shows just how quickly these absences and lates can build up and negatively impact on your child's development. If you are concerned about absence or lateness, please do not hesitate to request a meeting with our Attendance Officer, Tom Buckmaster.

Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much but this is how it is..

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If your child is late 10 minutes a day - surely that won't matter or affect my child..

Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1hour 40minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Leaving the school at the end of the day

Once you have collected your child/children we would request that you leave the school premises promptly. This is to avoid congestion. Children are not allowed to play on the school playground equipment at the end of the day. There have also been several injuries sustained by children when playing on the wall outside Oliver Hind. School strongly discourages children from playing on this wall.

Trip Money

We recommend a £1 installment per child per week. However, you can pay in blocks if you wish. Please give this money to the class teacher or teaching assistant who will record the installment.

Uniform

Our uniform policy will not change for 2022/2023. All the items below can be purchased at most supermarkets at affordable prices. Uniform with the school's logo can be purchased from <https://price-buckland.co.uk/>

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan, either plain or with the school logo
- Black or grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore. Jeans are not part of the school uniform
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Sensible black shoes or trainers
- School dresses (dark or pale blue checks or stripes)
- Black or navy headscarves

PE Kits

- Plain black or navy shorts
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- Trainers (any colour is fine)

Plain school PE clothes as listed above are available from most supermarkets and children's clothing shops.

Packed Lunches

We are a 'Healthy Eating School'. If you choose to send a child to school with a packed lunch, please bear in mind the guidelines below.

Yes please	No thank you
Fruit, salad and vegetables	Chocolate biscuits and bars
Sandwiches	Sweets
Low fat snacks	Crisps
Cheese	Fizzy drinks
Meat and fish	Nuts
Fruit drinks or water	

Breakfast Club

The cost is £1 per day. Families where both parents work will be given priority places. If you would like your child/children to attend breakfast club, please contact the school office.

Thank you

DM Crosby

Headteacher