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Term 5 attendance figure was 96.40%
 52 children improved from term 4 to 5 to achieve attendance of 100% this term.
 10 children improved from term 4 to 5 to achieve attendance above 95% this term.
 1 child who had attendance below 95% improved their attendance percentage this term.

Attendance Newsletter

Summer One

Waterside's Aim is 96% which enables us to be 'The Best We Can Be'



2018-2019
 Overall Attendance
 figure to date
95.92%

Whole School Attendance	2018-2019	2017-2018
Autumn One	96.76%	93.7%
Autumn Two	96.00%	93.5%
Spring One	94.51%	93.7%
Spring Two	96.80%	94.4%
Summer One	96.40%	95.2%
Summer Two		94.7%

Waterside Attendance Ship Weekly Winners

Since the start of the year, the attendance is monitored on a weekly basis in school. Each class attendance is acknowledged in assembly every Monday with the winning class receiving house points which then becomes treats for their class. Year 2 are this terms winners as they have achieved the highest attendance for 2 out of 5 weeks this term.



The most improved attendance from Term Four to Term Five is Year 6.

Term Four = 94.5% and Term Five = 98%
 an improvement of 3.5% ,
 Well done Year 6

Overall 128 pupils achieved 100% attendance this term.

Summer One Week	Class with the highest Attendance
1	YR 4
2	YR 2
3	YR 3
4	YR 2
5	YR

Summer Two Week	Class with the highest Attendance
1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	
5th	
6th	
7th	

Welcome to the Summer One attendance newsletter. This is a great opportunity to report after our recent Ofsted inspection the improvement shown in attendance throughout this year and how it was recognised in the inspection. The attendance is now at the level it should be, in line with county expectation. Long may this continue at Waterside and thank you for ensuring your child gets to school on time.

Waterside set high expectations around attendance and punctuality and it is proven that attendance in school has a direct link to attainment and positive outcomes. We want the best education for our children and expect all children to be at school on time, ready to learn, and have attendance above 95%.

Attendance which is lower than 95% can significantly impact upon your child's learning. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or absence please come into the office and speak to me or alternatively make an appointment to see Mrs Cooper our Home School Link Worker.

Thank you
 Lisa Alderson

2018-2019 Attendance Breakdown so far.....

Month	School Attendance % so far this year	School Attendance % 2017/2018	2018/2019 Late sessions registered before register closes (9:15)	2017/2018 Late sessions registered before register closes (9:15)	2018/2019 Late sessions registered after register closes (9:15)	2017/2018 Late sessions registered after register closes (9:15)	2018/2019 Class with the highest attendance percentage
Autumn Term							
September 2018	97.10%	94.3%	68	48	7	16	Years 1 & 4
October 2018	96.50%	93.3%	47	37	5	18	Year 4
November 2018	95.24%	94.0%	95	108	12	42	Year 2
December 2018	95.31%	92.3%	64	77	3	29	Year 2
Spring Term							
January 2019	96.09%	94.19%	78	83	11	34	Year 4
February 2019	92.90%	93.30%	57	68	5	15	Year 2
March 2019	97.00%	94.57%	54	90	8	25	Year 2
Summer Term							
April 2019	95.58%	95.53%	31	44	9	4	Year 6
May 2019	96.95%	95.07%	47	94	2	15	Year 6
June 2019		94.37%					
July 2019		95.12%					

Term Time Absence Reminder

As we enter the summer months, this is a time when historically term time absence starts to increase and parents start to book holidays. Please see below the schools policy regarding term time absence.

As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full time education. This means registering your child at school and making sure they attend regularly and on time.

Absence for holidays or other absence requests will not be authorised during term time unless it is exceptional.

It is very important that all parents and carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, and unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Hampshire County Council.

A fine will be issued if 5 days (10 sessions) or more of unauthorised absence occurs in a 10 week period.

If you need to request absence from school, please complete a Request for Absence form, available from the school office. A written response will be sent to you once your application has been considered by the head teacher. If no form is completed it is automatically unauthorised without question.

Lateness

Schools can now issue a Penalty Notice if a child has been persistently late before the close of the register (9.15am), for up to 10 sessions (five days) unless the issuing of a Penalty Notice would conflict with other intervention strategies in place or other sanctions already being processed.

Schools were previously advised the maximum number of Penalty Notices is two per child, per parent, during a 12-month period. Schools have now been advised, if a penalty notice has previously been issued and in the opinion of the Headteacher has been ineffective in addressing the absenteeism, the school will now refer the case directly to the Attendance Legal Panel (ALP).

Penalty Notices and the Education Act 1996

Section 444A of the Act gives powers to the local authority, and headteachers to issue Penalty Notices in circumstances where it is believed that a person has committed an offence under Section 444(1); that is, where a child fails to attend regularly at their registered school.

What is a Penalty Notice?

A Penalty Notice is a fine which may be issued as an alternative to prosecution. If it is paid it does not require a court appearance and does not result in a criminal record.

Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

Where absence warrants the issuing of a Penalty Notice, anyone with Parental Responsibility, or having day to day care of the child can be issued with one Penalty Notice for each of the children with unauthorised absence. If two parents have two children this may result in four Penalty Notices, 2 Penalty Notices per parent.

What if my child has further unauthorised absence from school?

If you pay the Penalty Notice and your child has further unauthorised absences additional legal action may be taken. For example, in the event that a Penalty Notice has previously been served to you due to unauthorised holiday, should your child have any future unauthorised leave this may result in further legal action for you, such as prosecution or an Education Supervision Order.

How is a Penalty Notice issued and how much is the fine?

Penalty Notices are either posted to your home or delivered to you by hand. Each Penalty Notice fine is £60 if paid within 21 days of the date of posting and £120 if paid after this but within 28 days of the date of posting.

When are they issued?

As set down by the Department for Education, Penalty Notices can be issued for unauthorised absence. In Hampshire, Penalty Notices are issued when a pupil has had 10 or more half-day sessions (equivalent

to five school days) of unauthorised absence, in the last 10 school week period.

Unauthorised absence is absence not approved by the school and will be coded on your child's attendance record as one of the following:

- O – unauthorised absence
- U – late after close of registration
- G – non-approved leave of absence (holiday).

Persistent Lateness (L) code which reaches the threshold may result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice.

Is a warning given?

If your child has an ongoing pattern of unauthorised absence then you will normally receive a written warning of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued. This warning will advise you about the extent of your child's absence and warn you that if your child's attendance does not show a significant improvement and if this improvement is not maintained thereafter, a Penalty Notice may be issued without further warning.

Further support, advice and guidance is available from:

The Department for Education

- www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview
- www.gov.uk

Hampshire County Council

- <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents>

Is there an appeal process?

There is no statutory right of appeal. Once a Penalty Notice has been issued, it can only be withdrawn if it can be shown that it was issued in error.