

MAYESPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Whole school attendance

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the attendance of pupils at Mayespark this year is now above the national average for primary schools across the UK. It is fantastic to see so many children coming to school every day. We are very proud of them and their achievements. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for your child's education.

Since the pandemic many schools have suffered with poor attendance as the transition back to 'normal' life has been a struggle for some. It is wonderful to see the majority of Mayespark families are feeling confident to send their children to school. There has been a notable rise in the attendance of individuals this year.

After endless months of rain and miserable weather we can now all look forward to enjoying summer. With that in mind I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that if you are considering going on holiday to avoid taking children out of school.

There are 13 weeks available in any given year for going on holiday, attending family functions and visiting relations when the school is closed. Time off school is not a right. The Governing Body of Mayespark Primary School has agreed that leave of absence will not be authorised during term time. It is not an entitlement and leave taken in term time will adversely affect your daughter's/son's academic progress and their attendance record. Amendments to the 'Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006' make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. This is at the discretion of the headteacher.

During the last week of the summer term we do expect children to come into school every day. If your child is absent during that week the school will require the absence to be supported by medical evidence to avoid an unauthorised absence. The last day of the summer term for the children is **Friday 19th July**.

The school will be closed to children on 22nd & 23rd July 2024

During the summer holidays there will be building work carried out in preparation for Hatchside taking over the annexe building. Please be advised this will include a new entrance to Mayespark pupils from Goodmayes Lane. Further information will be coming shortly in the newsletter.

I trust that as we look forward to the new academic year we will continue to work together to ensure the attendance of all pupils continues to rise to ensure children reach their full potential. We hope children have a lovely summer with their family and friends, returning to school refreshed and ready to learn on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones
Deputy Head Teacher

