



# Greythorn Primary School

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## Newsletter: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September- The gates will open at 8.50am. We hope you have all had a good summer holidays and been able to enjoy some family time together. Here are a few reminders for you all before the start of term.

### **Welcome**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members of staff and to our new FS children and their families, as well as some new children that are joining further up the school. Please give them all a Greythorn welcome if you see them in the playground.

I too, am very excited in starting to my new role here, as headteacher, and look forward to working with you and your families over the coming year. Please do come and say hello to me when you see me on the gate.

### **Be Greythorn Smart! -School Uniform**

Children should return to school in smart school uniform which is a red school sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan (no hoodies), a red polo shirt (white is acceptable until September 2025), dark grey trousers, dark grey skirt, dark grey shorts, plain black shoes (not trainers- no logos allowed)), grey or white socks, grey or red tights.

Please be reminded that all school uniform should be clearly labelled, including PE kit.

Children should not be wearing nail varnish to school. Hair cuts should not be extreme- no shaved lines, skin fades, dyed hair or bright, glitzy decorative hair accessories. All hair accessories should be plain dark colours or school colours. Only small stud earrings are allowed, and your child must be able to remove them for PE lessons. No smart watches to be worn.

### **PE Kits**

Please ensure that all children have their labelled PE kits in school. Your child's class teacher will advise which days their PE lessons are. A reminder that children should have black plimsolls/trainers for PE with a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts/skorts/joggers. No logos (except the school logo) or writing on kit please.

### **School Dinners/Packed Lunches/Snacks/Water Bottles**

FS and KS1 children are entitled to a universal free school meal. They may bring a packed lunch if they choose.

KS2 children can order a school dinner or bring a packed lunch. School dinner menus are available on the school website. School meals are currently £2.55 paid on ParentPay in advance.

If children choose to bring a packed lunch, please make sure that it contains a healthy school lunch- no sweets or chocolate bars are allowed.

We are a nut free school, please ensure all lunchbox items do not contain nuts. FS and KS1 children also receive a fruit snack and milk in the mornings. KS2 children may bring a fruit snack for morning break time. Again, healthy snacks only, no sweets or chocolate bars. All children should bring a labelled water bottle to school- this must only be filled with water.

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## School bags

In KS1, children use the Greythorn school book bags to carry their reading books to and from school. If your child is in KS2, they may bring a small school bag- please ensure they are small as we have limited space in the cloakrooms.

## Attendance

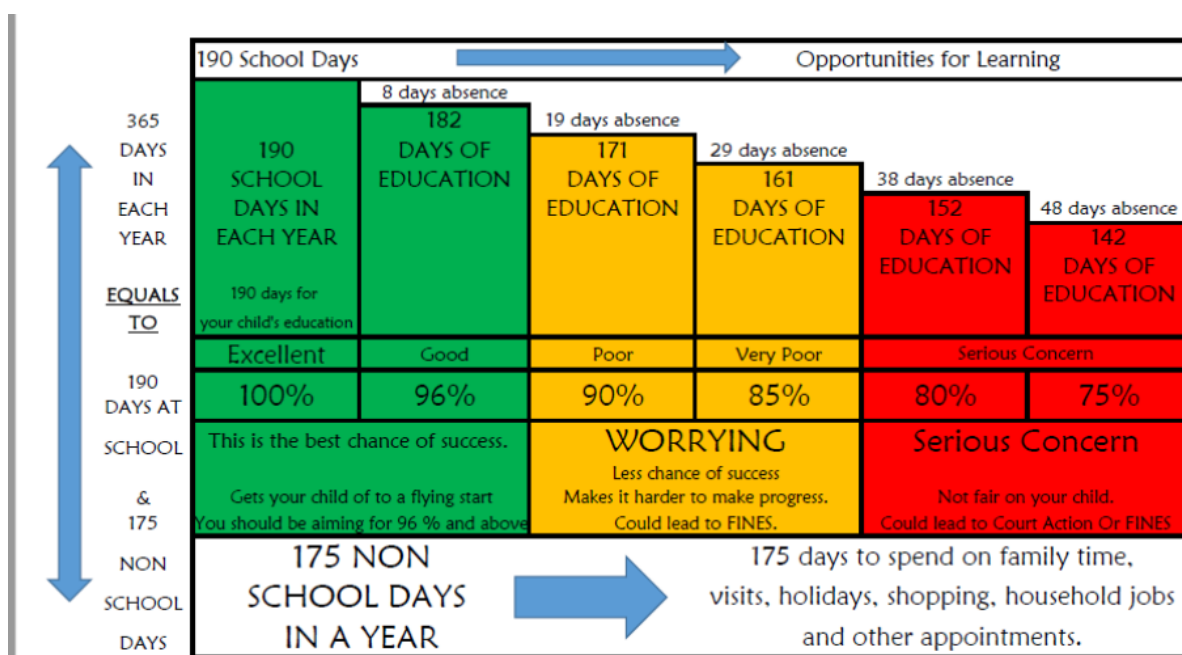
It is vital that your child attends school every day – lost learning is hard to catch up on and can affect your child’s outcomes. Please make your child’s medical appointments outside of school times as far as is possible although we do recognise that important hospital appointments may unavoidably be in school time.

What is an authorised absence?

- If your child is ill and you have contacted the school-please leave a message on the office answerphone by 9am on first day of absence
- If your child is attending a medical appointment and school have seen evidence
- Religious observance

What is an **unauthorised** absence?

- Your child being taken out of school for a holiday during term time
- Your child not attending school due to birthday celebrations or other family events
- Your child visiting family or friends or shopping
- Your child taking a full day off school for medical/dental appointments
- Your child arriving to school after 9.15am
- Your child being absent with an ailment that school would expect them to attend with.
- Your child missing school due to a medical/dental appointment for a parent/sibling



Please help us to help you. If you are worried about your child's school attendance, then staff are available at school and within the local authority who can help and support you. Gaps in education can mean your child will not reach their full potential.

## Holidays

Please do not take holidays in school term time. Holidays in term time will never be authorised and if taken, could result in a fixed penalty notice from the local authority.

## Postponed Greythornfest

This will now take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September for last year's Y3/4 (now Y4/5). The Y3/4 team will send out further information.

### **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**

We start this term with schools once again being at the centre of media attention in light of the recently announced changes in guidance relating to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). In Nottinghamshire, the County Council have been aware of the issue of RAAC for some time and have been working closely with schools and the Department for Education to survey education settings in line with Government guidance and the current impact of RAAC across Nottinghamshire remains low, the Council have undertaken assessments of all maintained schools and with no further concerns identified that require closure or partial closure to school buildings.

### **Inset Days 2023-2024**

A reminder that the Inset days for next academic year are

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

### **Parking**

A reminder about parking for when we return to school in September. The school drive is to be kept clear for pedestrians at all times. Please park away from school and ensure that our neighbours' driveways are kept clear. We want to be good neighbours to our community at all times.

Best wishes,



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