

TALAVERA JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Important messages

Updated attendance guidance from Hampshire County Council

As a school, we have noticed there is an increase in request for leave, particularly in the month of December. We ask you to be aware that all absences must go through Mrs Harman-Box or Mrs Webb, with our request for leave form completed.

We follow Hampshire's guidance regarding absence from school, alongside national documentation. Rare, significant and unavoidable events may result in authorised absence but this is at the discretion of the school. We strongly believe in attendance at school, knowing that time away from education can have a significant impact on children's academic, social and emotional development.

The school, in-line with Hampshire guidance, will authorise recognised religious holidays and ceremonies. Please be aware that this does not include all religion-related activities; we ask you to communicate with us as to the nature of the activity to allow the correct procedure to be followed. The school is not required to authorise travel days for religious ceremonies. Please be aware that this can impact on the number of authorised and unauthorised days.

If children are absent from school for 10 sessions (5 full days), the family will receive a Penalty Notice. This is £80, per parent per child absent. The school will consider whether the case needs to be presented to the Attendance Legal Panel.

We want to remind you that every child has the right to a full-time education. More than that, school allows children to flourish, to reach their full potential and to have strong life chances. Please continue to work with us to ensure that this is the outcome they have.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Harman-Box Head of School Amanda Webb Executive Headteacher





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