

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 3rd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to the beginning of the Autumn 2 term at Paxton. We hope you and your families have had an enjoyable and restful half term. As we start this half term with the new government lock down restrictions commencing on Thursday, we want to reassure you that there is a full return to school this term with our detailed risk assessments remaining in place, alongside our enhanced cleaning regime, hand-washing, year group bubbles and staggered lunch and play times.

Our children and staff have been very good at observing our new routines to ensure the health and safety of the whole community and should be commended for their approach.

Parent School Survey

Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed our Paxton Parent Survey. We had a great response rate (70) and really appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your feedback.

Below is a summary of the results and the percentage of parents who either **Strongly Agreed** or **Agreed** with the questions:

- 93% of parents said my child is happy at Paxton
- 90% of parents said my child feels safe at Paxton
- 83% of parents said staff at Paxton make sure the children are well behaved
- 76% of parents said staff at Paxton deal with bullying quickly and effectively
- 81% of parents said Paxton make me aware of what my child will learn during the year
- 81% of parents said Paxton dealt properly with concerns raised by parents
- 90% of parents said staff have high expectations for their children
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- 90% of parents said their child does well at Paxton
- 70% of parents said Paxton let them know how their child is doing
- 89% of parents said there is a good range of subjects available at Paxton Academy
- 85% of parents said their children can take part in clubs and activities
- 78% of parents said Paxton supports my child's wider personal development
- 85% of parents said they would recommend Paxton to another parent

Now that we have your feedback and a baseline to work from, we would like to invite you to share in the journey of ways to make Paxton even better.

During the Autumn term 2, we will be creating a Paxton Academy Governing Board and therefore will be holding Parent Governor elections. If you would like to get involved, we will be sending out more information on how to nominate yourself or a parent who you feel has the right skills set, along with the time, commitment and determination to play a fundamental role in the next phase of Paxton's journey.

Parent School Tours and Food Taster Sessions Cancelled

This year has seen a great deal of uncertainty in the world as a whole. As a school, we have had to adapt our ways of working to ensure that the children, staff and Paxton community remain safe.

With the recent Government announcement that from Thursday 5th November we will be moving into 'Lock Down', we have been advised to cancel all planned school tours. We have therefore been left with no option other than to cancel the planned Parent School Tours and Food Taster Sessions. We apologise for any disappointment and inconvenience this may cause.

Twitter@PaxtonAcademy

In order to create a window into Paxton and help parents, families and the Paxton community see what we do best, we have created a Twitter page.

This will provide a daily update on what is happening in and around the school and create a platform for us to be able to share regular updates with the outside world.

To find out more Tweet us @paxtonacademy

Change of PE Days For Autumn 2

This half term, we have made some changes to the days which PE will take place on. Please can we ask that you ensure that children wear their full school uniform on non PE days and to come to school in their Paxton sports kits on days when PE takes place.

Year Group	PE Day	PE Day
Reception	Wednesday	n/a
Year 1	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3/4	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Monday	Friday

'Our Traffic Light System'

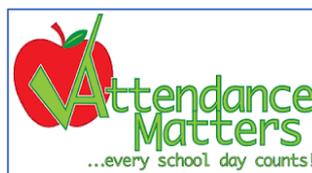
At Paxton Academy, we expect all our children to make at least good progress. It is therefore essential that they attend school every day.

As you are aware this year our attendance target is 97%. To help us monitor attendance across the whole school we have created our own Traffic Light System.

100%	Platinum	Outstanding attendance
97%-99%	Gold	Excellent attendance
95%-96%	Green	Good attendance with room for improvement
91%-94%	Amber	Cause for concern
90% and below	Red	Persistent absence, significant cause for concern



Attendance



Children who are well should be in school benefitting from face to face learning whenever possible. Children should

not be sent to school if they or anyone in their household is displaying symptoms of Covid-19. It is also very important not to send your child to school if any member of the household is being tested for Covid-19.

As a reminder, the most common symptoms of COVID-19 are any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

If your child is required to self-isolate as a result of being a close contact with a positive case of Covid-19, he/she will be able to access online learning via google class room. Instructions on how to log on can be found on the website under parents letters: "Setting Homework On Google Classroom"

<https://www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/parents/keeping-in-touch>

The week before half term our rate of attendance for the school was 92.7%% vs our target of 97.0%. It is getting better but we have some way to go. Come on Paxton - we can do this.

Important Note: Parents have a legal responsibility to notify the school on the first day of a child's absence. If we do not hear from you, any absence will go down as an UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE, which could result in us having to get the Education Welfare Officer involved.

Class	Attendance
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	89.8%
Year 2	89.4%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 3/4	96.2%
Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	88.6%
Totals	92.7%

School Photographs

If you have not yet pre registered for your child's school photos please contact Carmel Jane photographers on 01277 822 674 or the school office for your access codes. All parents that did pre register you should be able to log on to purchase your photos.