



Platt Bridge Community School and Start Well Family Centre  
01942 487999

Pupil Absence Text Number: [07937986269](tel:07937986269)

Dear Parents / Carers,

10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Welcome back, we hope that you had a lovely Christmas Break and we wish you a Happy New Year.

### **Holiday Dates**

February Half term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Easter Holidays	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
May Half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July


### **Year 4 Patterdale Hall Trip**

The final payment for this trip needs to be made by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. The total cost of the trip is £100. If you have not already paid the trip in full, please could you look at paying on a weekly/monthly basis. Please send any money into school in a named envelope. Cheques must be made payable to Platt Bridge Community School, you can also pay by debit card at the main reception. Please ask for further details.

Year 4B visit will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Year 4A visit will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **School App**

This will give you access to a calendar of information of activities taking place in school. If you have a smartphone  **School Jotter** (Android or iPhone) you can download **OurSchoolsApp** from Google Play Android or the Apple Store for **FREE**, once downloaded search for our school. Access is also available on a tablet or iPad by following the same download process. If you do not have a smartphone you can still view the app and the information online at <https://www.ourschoolsapp.com/m/>.

### **School Dinners**

Dinner Money remains at £2.15 per day for pupils in Year 3 to Year 6 i.e. £10.75 per week.

Although all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meal Grant, if you are entitled to benefits, you must still register at the Life Centre in order for the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding. We would be grateful if you could do this immediately and if you need any help, we are happy to support you with this process. The school uses this pupil premium funding to fund various activities and resources for your child throughout the year.

'Live Kitchen' enables pupils or parents to select their preferred meal option in advance. It is also possible to set up a direct debit to pay for your child's meals, please contact the office for further details. If you wish to continue to pay by cash or cheque then you must send all dinner money in an envelope with your child's name clearly shown. Further details about school meals and 'Live Kitchen' can also be found on the following website.

<http://www.dolce.co.uk/catering/education/parents>

Please note we can now accept card payments via debit card. If you wish to take advantage of this facility, please ask at reception desk for more information.

### **School Uniform**

Please may I remind everyone of the school rules regarding uniform. **School uniform must be worn at all times** unless you are notified differently due to a school event or trip. Please note this also includes **black footwear (solid colour)**. If you are unable to send your child in full school uniform then please speak to your child's class teacher at the start of the day. We also request that pupils bring a coat into school every day, as the weather is so unpredictable.

### **Up to date Contacts**

As there may be occasions when the school needs to contact parents or carers during the school day, it is vital that you inform school immediately if there are any changes to emergency contact details or home telephone/mobile numbers.



We ask that you notify school first thing in the morning, before 9.30am if possible, if your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any reason. **The main school number is 01942 487999 option one.** However, you may also report your child's absence by **text on 07937986269.**

It is critically important for us as a school to foster and maintain positive relationships with parents and carers. We operate an open door policy and we urge parents who have any concerns about their child in school to speak to their child's class teacher in the first instance. If you would like to speak to a member of the pastoral team or senior leadership team at any point, please ask a member of the admin team in the main reception area. We would always urge parents to come and talk to us in the first instance and resist airing any views on Facebook or other social media sites. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

### **After School Clubs**

Letters for afterschool clubs have been sent out this week. Places are limited so they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You will be notified if your child has received a place.

### **Reception Intake 2019**

If your child will turn four between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, he or she will start Reception class at the start of the new school year in September 2019. The online application process opened in November 2018. You can find information regarding admission to primary schools on the Wigan Council website under 'admissions'. If you need any further information, please ask at our reception desk. **The closing date for applications is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

### **Nursery Intake 2019**

There are also places available in our nursery. Please contact us for further details if you would like to put your child's name down.

### **Magic Breakfast**

We are still taking part in the "Magic Breakfast" programme, which is being funded by the Department of Education. This means that we can provide a bagel for every pupil each morning to supplement his or her breakfast and help start the day. These will be available from 8:35am until 8:45am on the main playground.

If you require any support or information, please contact your Pastoral or Admin team within School on the above number.

**Best wishes,**

**Mrs S E Darbyshire**  
CEO/Executive Head

**Mrs A Howard**  
Acting Head of School

**Mr M Haskayne**  
Deputy Headteacher

