

SSSJ School Newsletter

3rd November 2022

SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE FOR PARENTS / CARERS

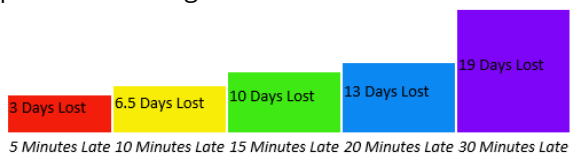
SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School details term dates on a yearly basis. **School expects pupils to be in school every day (on time) as detailed within the term dates calendar. School is open for pupils 190 days out of 365 days during the year.** We appreciate that there has been widespread disruption to pupils' attendance over the last couple of years due to the pandemic, however rules relating to school attendance resumed in September 2021. **Linked to this school has updated the attendance and absence policy which can be found on the school website [Attendance and Absence - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School \(sssj.bolton.sch.uk\)](https://www.sssj.bolton.sch.uk)** This has been updated in line with the new Department for Education guidance 'Working Together to improve school attendance' and 'Summary table of responsibilities'.

On the website you will also find a 'leave of absence' request form. This form should be completed and emailed to school should your child require any time away from school. Filling in this request form **does not mean it is authorised**. School will consider any requests on an individual basis and inform parents of the outcome via email.

It is important to note that school works alongside the Early Intervention Team following policies and procedures set out by Bolton Local Authority. School will seek advice from the authority prior to any decision being made linked to attendance and absence.

DID YOU KNOW?

If a child arrives late to school every-day, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school every-day over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



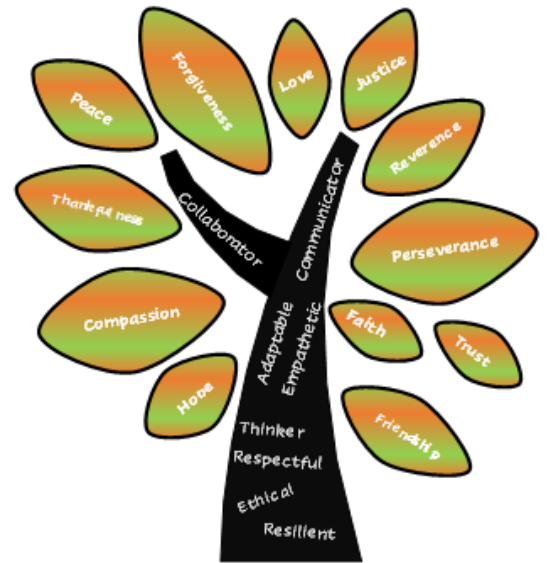
(Over one academic year)

DID YOU KNOW?

A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days education across the school year – **that's nearly four weeks**.

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. Children who miss school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up. Most of the work they miss is not repeated which then creates huge gaps in their learning. Your child's friendship groups are also impacted on as children who are absent find it difficult to form relationships with their classmates. As parents we need to consider the impact that this has on our children.

Miss K Jones ~ Principal



Democracy Law Liberty Respect
Tolerance

Our Values Tree

'A tree is known by its fruit'



Arbor

ALL PAYMENTS FOR TUCK, BREAKFAST CLUB AND MEALS NEED TO BE PAID BY CARD AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VIA THE ARBOR APP.

CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Upcoming events!

Vantage Academies Cup Football Tournament

(8th November 1.45pm – 3.00pm)

Nursery & Rec Parents Eve

(9th & 10th November)

Reception

(SHINE Session 10th Nov)

Flu immunisations

Reception – Y6

(11th November)



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS FOR PARENTS / CARERS

This year we have had an overwhelming response to parents evening for year 1 to year 6. As part of parents evening, you were able to look at your child's learning in their workbooks as well as speak to the class teacher about their behaviour for learning and their attainment and progress.

Within the meeting we share the learning review documents and give you a copy to take home along with your child's personal targets. The learning review meetings take place with pupils on a one-to-one basis four times a year. In order for you to understand what the meeting entails we have uploaded a video onto our website with further information about learning reviews. These videos can be found under the parent tab – learning reviews or through the following link. [Learning Reviews - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School \(sssj.bolton.sch.uk\)](https://www.sssj.bolton.sch.uk) If you do have any questions about the learning review process, please do not hesitate to contact me via sssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk

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% Of parents attending
parents evening from
Year 1 to Year 6

Year 1: 85%

Year 2: 74%

Year 3: 84%

Year 4: 79%

Year 5: 78%

Year 6: 73%

A huge congratulations to year 1 and year 3 for attendance at parents evening.

Anti-bullying day ~ Friday 18th November

The theme this year for Antibullying week is #Reachout. As part of the day, we would like your child to come to school in **odd socks** to celebrate what makes us all unique.



SPOTLIGHT ON ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

Have you seen our new updated pages linked to online safety?

Under the learning tab on our school website, we have created two online learning pages. One page for 4-7 year olds and the second page for 8-11 year olds. There are lots of fun activities for you to complete linked to staying safe online. Why not try some of them in preparation for our anti-bullying day on Friday 18th November.

[Online Safety 4-7 year olds - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School \(sssj.bolton.sch.uk\)](https://www.sssj.bolton.sch.uk)

[Online Safety for 8-11 year olds - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School \(sssj.bolton.sch.uk\)](https://www.sssj.bolton.sch.uk)