

Dear Parents/Carers

We demonstrate our Values of *Trust, Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Friendship and Generosity* at Prees C.E. Primary School and Nursery in all that we strive to achieve each day.

PREES SCHOOL NEWS

Monday 22nd January	PE - Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6
Tuesday 23rd January	PE - Nursery, Reception Class and Year 1
Wednesday 24th January	Swimming Year 3
	PE - Year 2 and Year 5
Thursday 25th January	Swimming Year 4 and Year 5
	PE - Year 1 and Year 6
	Outdoor Learning Nursery and Reception Class
Friday 26th January	PE - Reception Class and Year 3
	Outdoor Learning Year 1

Please can children come to school in their PE kit on PE days and bring a spare pair of socks to change into as the grass can be wet. Can children come to school in Outdoor Learning clothes (a long sleeved top, long trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat). Thank you.

At Prees C.E. Primary School, we continually focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality to ensure that your child has the best possible start in life.

Attendance has a direct link to attainment; there is clear evidence that poor attendance has a very negative impact on children's learning and progress at school.

If a child is not in school regularly, they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them. Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. There are 175 days for holidays and other activities.

We expect attendance rates to be 96% and above.

Attending school every day equates to 100% attendance.

We believe that 'Every Minute Counts!' When a child arrives late at school, they miss teacher instructions and lesson time; and their learning begins to suffer.

Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others.

Please help your children to be punctual, school starts at 8.50a.m.

Thank you.

Attendance during 1	Days lost	This equates to
95% attendance	9 days	nearly 2 weeks
90% attendance	19 days	nearly 4 weeks
85% attendance	29 days	nearly 6 week
80% attendance	38 days	nearly 8 weeks
75% attendance	48 days	nearly 10 weeks
70% attendance	57 days	nearly 11.5 weeks
65% attendance	67 days	nearly 13.5 weeks

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th February	Young Voices
Wednesday 7th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 8th February	Parent Consultations
Friday 9th February	Chinese New Year activities Break up for Half Term
Monday 12th February— Friday 16th February	Half Term children not in school
Friday 23rd February	Journey's Journey Day
Monday 26th February	Bikeability Year 6
Friday 1st March	Years 3 and 4 Educational Visit
Wednesday 6th March	Years 5 and 6 Educational Visit
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 20th March	Easter Service at St Chad's Church at 2pm.
Friday 22nd March	Break up for Easter Holidays

Stay, Play and Chat at Prees C.E. Primary School

We are planning to restart our Stay, Play and Chat sessions for parents/carers/grandparents and their pre-school age children. We would like to ask if anyone interested in joining us have a preference to the day the session is held each week during term time. Please contact Mrs Powell at: learningmentor@prees.shropshire.sch.uk or telephone the office and ask to speak with her.



Walking Bus

Great news, we now have 4 volunteers for our walking bus who are willing to help walk with the children starting from the Fire Station and picking up at certain points along the way to school. However, we do still need more volunteers. Please can you let anyone know who does not receive the newsletter and you feel may like to join the walking bus as a volunteer. If you are able to support us can you please let Mrs Powell, Learning Mentor know the day you are free to volunteer at: learningmentor@prees.shropshire.sch.uk Thank you.



Holiday Club

Holiday Club will run again on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February. Bookings are available on sQuid from tomorrow (Monday). Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers, should book by emailing knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk



ActivSports will be hosting a Football camp/ holiday club during the upcoming February half term at St Peter's Primary School in Wem. Starting on Monday 12th February and finishing on Friday 16th February. Each day starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:30pm. For further information and how to book/ pay please visit - <https://forms.office.com/r/6DptYTTfy7>



Child absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.30am if your child is unwell and will not be attending that day. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent. From tomorrow (Monday), we shall be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is purely a health and wellbeing safeguarding check stemming from a recent very sad incident involving a young child and his father.

The SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063
www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



Support for parent carers of children with SEND

Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the [Shropshire's SEND Local Offer](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/) can help you.

Shropshire Larder - a resource for people in Shropshire

The Shropshire Larder is a community information resource, bringing together the support available in Shropshire for people on low incomes.

Take a look at their website for further information on the following:

- How to access emergency food
- Where to access low cost or free food in Shropshire
- Advice on eating well on a budget
- Where to get local help with money issues

<https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/>



Parenting Helpline

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen? Call 01743 250950 - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 12.30pm.

If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

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NHS children's appointments

- ◆ General dentistry
- ◆ Oral health education
- ◆ Saturday opening
- ◆ After-school appointments



Scan & Book your Appointment Here

Corser House, 17 Green End,
Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1AD

www.spadental.co.uk/contact

Worrying About Money

Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family:

<https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire>

Leaflets are also available from:

<https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets>

Shropshire
family
Information Service

Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



You Tube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13 (however, children of all ages may use the Service and YouTube Kids if enabled by a parent/legal guardian).

What if my child is under the age of 13?

If your child is under the age of 13 then your child should use either YouTube Kids or a Supervised Account. Which option you choose, will depend on your child's age and your requirements.

- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age you select:

Pre-school (ages four and under)

Younger (ages 5–8)

Older (ages 9–12)

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube. You can select one of the following options, again depending on your child's age and your requirements:

Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.

Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+

Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a table to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

Posting videos

You should be over 13 to post videos. If your child does post videos on YouTube, ensure they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. Talk to them about the different settings available -

Public: anyone can view the video.

Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.

Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

How can I make YouTube safer?

- **Explore YouTube together** and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can **talk to you** if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.

- **Restricted mode** - is an additional setting (when logged in via a Google account) to restrict the availability of mature content.

- Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content/comments**. Find out more here:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802027>

A Guide to the Online Safety Bill

The Online Safety Bill is a new set of laws to protect people online. The laws will make social media companies more responsible for the safety of their users on their platforms. The Government have created a guide to the new laws detailing how the laws will protect children and adults. For example, the new laws mean social media companies will have to show how they are enforcing age limits.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/a-guide-to-the-online-safety-bill>

World Events

There are a lot of distressing events happening around the world, which your child may see online. Childnet have published an article discussing how you can support your child when they see something worrying or upsetting online.

The article also directs you to other organisations that you can contact if you require further help and support:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/navigating-violent-online-content-from-global-events/>