

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007 – 2008

Number of registered students of compulsory school age on roll for at least one session during the reporting period to 23rd May 2008: 783

The percentage of half days (sessions) missed through authorised absence: 8.4%

The percentage of half days (sessions) missed through unauthorised absence: 1.5%

LUNCH

Students may buy lunch from the cafeteria or they may bring their own packed lunch. These may be eaten in the Dining Hall, Main Hall, the area immediately outside the Hall or in the Quad, but not within the rest of the school buildings. In bad weather students may go to the wet weather spaces.

If parents are receiving Income Support, Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit (but **not** Working Tax Credit) and have an annual taxable income of less than £15,575, Guarantee element of State Pension Credit the children are entitled to free school meals (If you receive Working Tax Credit you are not eligible for free school meals).

Every child who has a right to a free school meal should be able to have one. If you think that your child is entitled to free meals please ask the school or the Area Education Office for an application form. School staff will be happy to respond to your queries and confidentiality will be respected.

MEDICAL

During the course of a normal school day some children may become unwell, or may be involved in a minor accident which requires first aid.

The school has qualified staff on site during the school day and there is the provision of a medical room. All students are made aware of this facility and the procedure to follow if a visit is required.

Often the student is able to return to normal school work. Permission for age appropriate pain relief e.g. Paracetamol may be sought to enable this. If this is not possible it may be necessary for the First Aider to contact a parent quickly or take other urgent action. For this reason it will be necessary to obtain details of the student's doctor, emergency telephone numbers and medical history. Before students join the school in September parents are asked to inform the school of any changes in details. If a medical problem is identified on Year 7 entry a yearly 'check list' is sent so that records can be kept up to date.

On-going medication such as Asthma Pumps are regularly checked by Medical Support to ensure they are still in date.

Parents need to inform, in writing, the Tutor/Medical Support of details regarding a course of medication being followed.

Students requiring long-term medication during the school day have the supplies kept in the medical room and it is the student's responsibility to administer the medication unless specified otherwise.

Students must not carry pills on them as these could be lost or misused.

Students must not bring aerosols into school as these represent a serious health risk to some students and staff.