



Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together



Whole School Attendance

As we start a new academic year I have listed below new guidance from the department for Education on common illnesses that can impact on school attendance in order to answer many of the questions I am asked by families on whether their child can attend school. I hope that we continue to build on last year's attendance figures and see even further improvement. We will also continue to work with A Star attendance officer Leanne who will continue to make home visits and support families with any attendance issues.

No more weekly newsletters!

Now that Class Dojo has become so embedded in our school community with 99.5% percent of families having direct access to school news, and communicating with school staff, we will no longer be running a weekly newsletter. Instead we will provide an Important Dates Newsletter at the start of each term. After this all news and information will be shared directly with the appropriate families / classes via Class Dojo. This will ensure the information you need is sent direct to you with general updates being shared the whole school. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

TERM DATES 2023 2024

Leadgate Primary School 2023-2024 Academic Year Calendar

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Events

2023	
Aug 29	SUMMER Bank Holiday
Sep 4	PDDAY
Sep 5	PDDAY
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Boxing Day
2024	
Jan 1	New Years Day
Jan 3	PDDAY
Jan 4	PDDAY
Jan 5	PDDAY
Mar 29	Good Friday
Apr 1	Easter Monday
May 6	May Day
Aug 28	Summer Bank Holiday
SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES	
	Bank Holidays
	School Training Days

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore.

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis.

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Is my child too ill for school?

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours **after** they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms.

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment and treat as directed.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours)

Always inform the school office if your child is going to be absent on:

Upper School 01207 610 351 and Lower School on 01207 610355

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School Dates

School Holiday Dates

The next school Holiday is the October Half Term and School will close at the end of the day on Friday 27th October.

Monday 25th Sept – Year 2 Trip to Hartlepool
Monday 25th Sept – After School Clubs restart
Friday 29th Sept – Year 6 DLI World War 1 Visitor
Monday 2nd Oct Nasal Flu Immunisations all pupils
Wednesday 4th Oct– Year 4 and 5 Mental Health Support Project session
Thursday 5th Oct – Year 1 Visit to Beamish
Tuesday 10th Oct – World mental Health Day
Wednesday 11th Oct – Year 3 Visit Ickson Temple
Friday 13th Oct – Year 5 Beamish Trip – Victorian Experience
Monday 16th Oct – Year 4 Anglo Saxon Outreach sessions
Tuesday 17th Oct – Lower School Non Curriculum day
Friday 20th Oct – Upper School Non Curriculum Day
Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th – Year 6 Residential Visit
Friday 27th Oct – School Closes for half term
Monday 6th Nov – School reopens
Tuesday 7th Nov – Parents evening
Wednesday 8th Nov– Parents evening
Monday 13th Nov – Anti Bullying Week and Odd Sock Day
Friday 1st Dec – School Photographs by Phototronics
Tuesday 5th Dec – Upper School Pantomime
Thursday 7th Dec– Lower school visit to Pantomime
Friday 8th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th Dec – School Christmas Church Service
Tuesday 12th Dec – Keystage 1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th Dec - Christmas Coffee Cake and Crafts – Parents invited for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 13th Dec – Christmas dinner on both Sites
Thursday 14th Dec – Upper and Lower school Christmas Party in afternoon
Thursday 14th Dec – Early Years Christmas Part in morning
Friday 15th Dec – Christmas Coffee Cake and Crafts – Parents invited for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 19th Dec – School Closes for Christmas Holiday

Please note dates may be subject to change due to forces beyond our control however further details, timings etc will be shared on class dojo. Any additional dates will also be shared directly with families via class dojo.

IMPORTANT DATE : Nasal flu vaccinations, due to take place at school on Monday 2nd October.

Dear Parent,

The nasal flu vaccinations will take place at your child's school on Monday 2nd October, please use the below link to complete either a consent form or a refusal for the vaccinations.

The link contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. The link will close on Tuesday 26th September.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/4d4aa88a>

If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since September 2023 please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397.

Feeding Families

Feeding Families boxes continue to be available to all families and can be collected from the Lower School Site – make your way to the reception and ask at the main office. Collection can be arranged for any time through the day.