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Spring 5

### **Weekly Newsletter**

The children enjoyed their Wellbeing Day, taking part in Pilates and orienteering were a few of the activities.

#### **Attendance and Unauthorised Holiday Absence**

We know it is really tricky this time of year with the cough and cold season. If possible, please could you arrange annual dentist/medical appointment for out of school hours so that your children can remain in school.

Just a reminder we have set up an email address for parents to notify the school of any absence for your child. Please email [absence@wembury-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:absence@wembury-primary.devon.sch.uk) confirming the reason your child will not be at school. Thank you

We have had a number of people asking us about the rules around holiday absence below is a poster that should make it clear.

If you take your child on holiday in term time without the prior approval of the school, you may be issued a £60/£120 Penalty Fine, per parent, per child.

As a Parent/Carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by, whenever possible, taking your holidays during school holidays.

Please see the WeST Attendance Policy for further information [Wembury Primary School -](#)

[Policies](#) The Trust have provided a poster to help clarify the new rules.

We have also received a poster 'should I keep my child off school? Hopefully this will also help with guidance.



UK Health  
Security  
Agency

NHS

# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

# ATTENDANCE

# WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

**I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

**FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.**



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 1 parent = £640**

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

# IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1 Day = 2 Sessions**

# 3

# FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

**If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...**

# 4

## 2ND TIME

2 parents and  
1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

**No discount for early payment**



## 3RD TIME


A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child  
**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**


### **Online Safety Newsletters**



Please see the link for the online safety newsletter [Wembury Primary School - Online Safety Newsletters](#)



### **FRowS News and Events**

  **Movie & PJ's Night - Thursday 12th February £2.50 entry** (please send in with children)

 KS1 15:15 - 16:15

 KS2 16:30 - 18:00

  Drinks, popcorn, ice lollies, crisps and drinks will be available on the night (starting from 50p)

  Get comfy in your pyjamas, bring a pillow, cushion, bean bag, blanket, onesie, oodie, slippers, big fluffy socks, something to cuddle, etc of your choice and snuggle up for a film with friends

### **Dates and Events for Spring Term**

Here is a link to our website that leads to our calendar page.

[Wembury School Calendar](#)

Kind Regards

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