



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear parent/carers,

The first month of the school year has flown by with a range of learning activities taking place. It has been a privilege to see your children enjoying their learning in their new classes.

### **Attendance**

Well done to Year 2 and Reception who have been our attendance winners so far this term. A special well done to Reception class who achieved 100% attendance last week. I wonder if any other classes can reach 100% this week. Remember that being late does affect this – be in school on time every day.

Non-attendance does have a significant impact on children's learning and progress. The table below shows how much learning time is lost if children are not in school. Even an attendance of 95% is equal to missing two weeks of learning across the year and can mean your child will not make the progress expected of them.

### **School Uniform**

<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Equivalent Days</b>	<b>Equivalent Sessions</b>	<b>Equivalent Weeks</b>
95% attendance	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks
90% attendance	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks
85% attendance	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks
80% attendance	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks
75% attendance	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks
70% attendance	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks
65% attendance	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks

Please make sure that your child is in the correct uniform every day: we have a number of pupils coming to school in leggings, jeans or tracksuit trouser, none of which are school uniform. If you are struggling with obtaining the correct uniform, please contact the office to discuss ways in which we can support you.

All pupils should also have a PE kit in school for their lessons. Pupils are required by the government to take part in PE lessons and it is important for their safety that they are in the correct kit.

Please ensure that all uniform and PE kit is named as this helps us return any lost items to the correct child.

### **Harvest Festival Assembly and Donation**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9am, we will be holding a Harvest Festival assembly which parents are welcome to attend. In addition, we are asking for donations of canned or packed foods to be brought to school this week. After the Harvest assembly, all donations will be given to the Chesham Food Bank.

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### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

This term's consultation evenings are being held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and appointments can be made through Teachers2Parents. You should have received email or text instructions previously. If you haven't, please contact the school office who will make sure we have the correct details for you.

Consultations are a key time for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher as well as for you to discuss any concerns you may have with our teachers.

### **Year 6 Class Assembly**

A reminder for our Year 6 parents that this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, Year 6 will be presenting their class assembly. Please join us at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm.

### **Aldi Collectable Stickers**

We are collecting the sports stickers which are currently being given away by Aldi. Please do send any stickers you may have into school and ask friends and relatives to pass theirs on as we can win £20,000.

### **Head lice**

Please make sure to regularly check your child's hair for head lice: young children are prone to lice but they can be easily treated to stop them spreading. If you do discover lice in your child's hair, it is important that the whole family are checked and treated. You can find more information on the NHS website [HERE](#).

### **PTA events**

A reminder of our PTA events coming up this half term:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Film Night

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: Non-Uniform Day

As well as this, the PTA will be selling either hot chocolate or sweets every Friday on the playground after school this term.

### **Zero Tolerance**

A reminder to all parents that Ivingswood Academy operates a zero tolerance policy on its grounds. This means that using inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff, pupils or other parents will not be tolerated on these premises. Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave, could be banned from school premises and their behaviour may be reported to the police.

If you have concerns about any pupils or parents, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership who will support you in dealing with your concerns.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Kind regards,  
Julie-Ann Swaysland  
Headteacher

