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Easter message from Mr Doyle

Hello everyone and welcome to our Easter newsletter. I hope that this finds you as it leaves us – ‘nicely busy’ and feeling like things are going well. Recently, I have taken visitors round the school and it is funny how this causes me to see things through a fresh pair of eyes each time. What struck me was how much we’ve got going on and how lucky we are to have this school with its lovely students and great site. Every time we interview teachers, we send them for a tour of the school with a pair of Year 8 students, and each and every candidate has commented on precisely those two things.

Year 11 and Year 13 have been magnificent in their exam preparation this term. We have been impressed by how they have rolled up their sleeves and engaged in the long, hard slog. It really isn’t much longer now, so if you are able to support or encourage someone going through that stage, please do what you can to cheer them on. In the words of King Solomon, “This, too, shall one day pass” – and then it’s months of free time and parties. It is worth it!

As I mentioned, we’ve had visitors galore, including all the secondary school Headteachers and Heads of RE in the Portsmouth diocese. Last week, about 20 local clergy from Portsmouth and Arundel & Brighton came in for a deanery meeting. It is great to feel part of something bigger than ourselves and to know that we’ve got some great people pulling in the same direction. One thing that we talked about was a new RE teacher converter course that we’ve just set up – if you know someone who is a qualified teacher but would like to teach RE, then please put them in touch. Speaking of great people, the newly-formed PTA have been busy at parents’ evenings and concerts and have received lots of support for our students (i.e. your sons and daughters) for careers and work experience. If you would like to help, please contact Matthew McGrory at PTA@allhallows.net – even the smallest effort can work wonders.

I also went to an evening with the Guildford circle of the Catenians, who have helped our Sixth Form students with funds for their trips to Lourdes. They are keen to welcome newcomers, so, if you are interested in joining the Catenians with their fellowship of ‘Friendship and Faith’, please do get in touch with Andy Fogell at andyfogell@yahoo.co.uk – a wonderful ex-All Hallows teacher.

Our Year 11 boys are in the final of the district cup, our swimmers recently won the District Schools Gala, the Spring Concert was yet another joyous, sell-out event, while Mr Marker’s Year 10 footballers have – for the second time in 3 years – made it to the final of the National Schools Cup. That is an incredible achievement for a non-academy school. This time, all the way!

Finally, next term we are putting up an outdoor food ‘pod’ near the pool. It is the first part of some major works that are about to start. As well as the pod, we are going to overhaul the canteen and kitchens from half term and then, in the summer holiday, we will expand and refurbish the Gym with all new kit. Then, from September, we are looking to refurbish the chapel (untouched in 25 years!) and convert the former BBC into a room for the Chaplaincy and GIFT team. So, lots to do! It’s all very exciting and we are confident that it will have a big impact on the health and wellbeing of the students. More to follow next term.

That’s enough news for this eggs-tremely long Easter newsletter. Have a Happy Easter and I wish you and your families all the joy and peace of the risen Christ.

Mr Doyle



Message from the Governors

Over the last eighteen months there has been a big change in the composition of the Governing Body, with nine new Governors being appointed including Parent, Staff, Foundation and Co-opted Governors.

This shift brings with it a new dynamic, a new sense of purpose and energy. Our Governors bring with them a range of expertise including education, special needs, finance, technology, public sector, and aviation. Each of these new Governors, like previous ones, all share a similar passion and commitment to All Hallows. Each shares the vision of creating a whole school experience that puts our students at the heart of everything we do, creating opportunities for them to achieve more than they thought possible.

As Governors we are all driven by the desire to ensure that the opportunities for every student to contribute are created and nurtured every day.

We are also currently updating the Governor section of

the web site, and you will shortly be able to find out more information about who your governors are, what the role of a governor entails, the different types of governors, some of the things we have undertaken over the past few months, and what we will be working towards over the coming terms.

If you would like to find out more about being a Governor, please do feel free to get in touch. We are always happy to share our experience as a Governor and we would be happy you arrange a school tour for you. We would be particularly interested in those of you who have financial, investment, school finance, or accounting experience. We can be contacted by email at Enquiry@governors.allhallows.net.

As a final note, with the end of term fast approaching, we wanted to wish you all a happy and restful Easter break.

On behalf of All Hallows School Governors
Guy Stephens

Your Governing Body

Chair of Governors:	Guy Stephens
Vice Chair/Chair of Finance, Infrastructure and Resource Committee/Safeguarding Link:	Helen Collins
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Chair of Catholic Community Committee:	Ian Anderson
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SEN Link:	Cristina Sturges
Staff Governor:	Mel Dent
Governors:	Finbarr O’Sullivan, Alice Nixon, Deacon Craig Aburn, Peter Corns, Paul Hampshire, Libby Reynolds, Nicholas Williams
Clerk:	David Laird/Paula Gosling

Quiz Night

PTA Quiz Night

When: Friday 10th May 2019

Where: Main Hall

What Time: Doors Open @ 7pm for 7.30pm start

Dine on a spread of curry to satisfy all tastes, including vegetarian

Funds raised will contribute towards projects aimed at supporting the school and we will also explain in more detail what these projects are and how you might be able to help.

Licenced Bar available serving a selection of drinks including wines, beers, tea and coffee

Tickets priced at £10 are available in advance please email pta@allhallows.net for further information



Visit our website: www.allhallows.net

Year 11 Taster Day

Year 11 students had a taste of what life would be like in September when they joined us for a day last month. They tried out A level subjects, enjoyed the small class sizes and the excellent teaching together with enjoying the facilities in the Sixth Form building. Students really enjoyed the opportunity to be Sixth Formers for the day and mingle with the external applicants.



Since Christmas the year 12s have had a series of talks at aiming higher and giving students information so they can make informed decisions post college

- The University Centre Farnborough
- The University of Cambridge,
- The University of Creative Arts
- Apprenticeships.gov.uk
- Pearson College London

Congratulations to Lewis Liney selected to compete in the 2024 Olympics for Great Britain in Judo. He competed this week in Germany.

Year 12 UCAS Trip to Brunel

On the 13th of March Year 12 students visited Brunel University to attend a UCAS fair. This trip proved successful as our students took advantage of the opportunity to speak to universities about courses, entry requirements and facilities. Students were also given time to explore the University to get a feel for campus life.



The count down is on!

Advice for Easter from Mr Carney to Year 13's

- Have a plan! Schedule what you will be revising each day before the holidays.
- Do a school day. Start revision at 9 and work until at least 3pm during the weekdays. This totals 66 hours of study completed. That will make a difference to your grades.
- Make sure you do have a break. The next few months are exceptionally important and intense. We need you to be well rested and ready for the final slog.

Thank you to all our Senior Students for

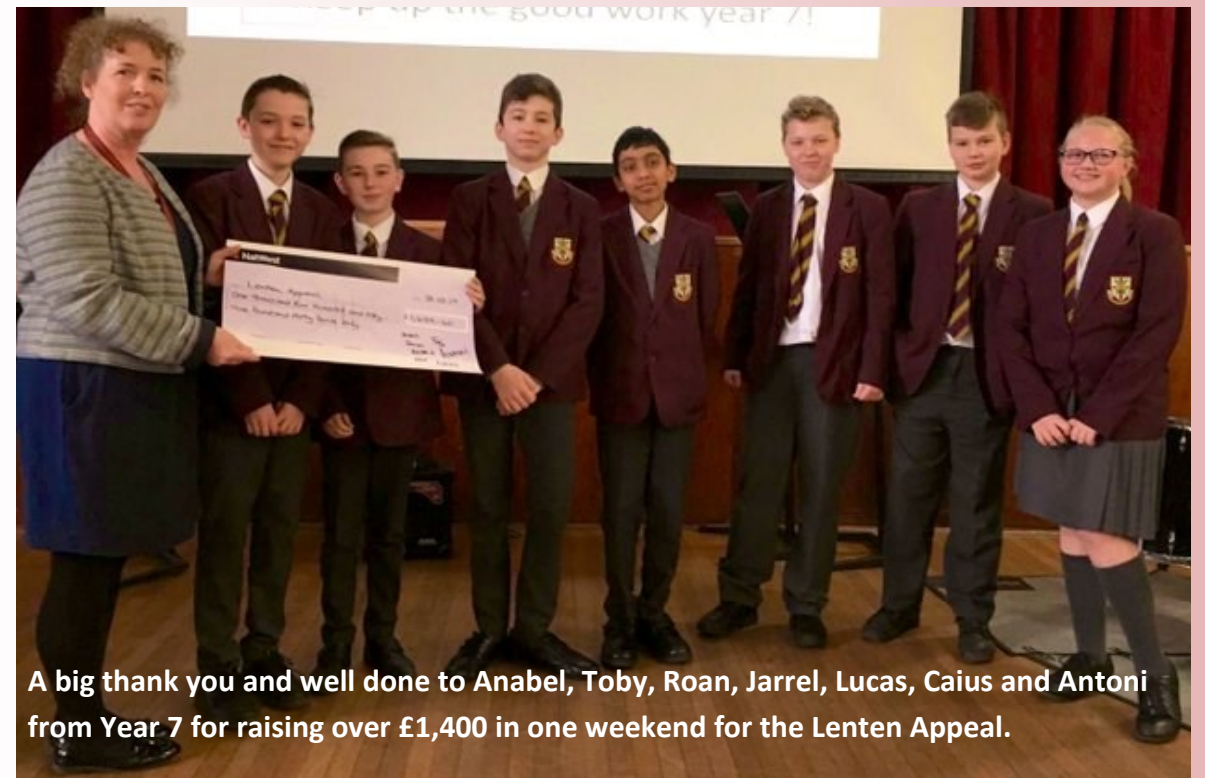
Ande and Joe will be stepping down from their position as Head Girl and Head Boy as they concentrate on their A Level studies. They have made a fantastic team and have been an asset to the Sixth Form.



Election of Senior Students 2019/2020

Application letters are in and students will be interviewed by Mrs Brennan and Mr Jones.

The Head boy and Head Girl Hustings, class vote and staff vote will all take place after Easter. The calibre of applications has really impressed the Sixth Form Team. Good luck to all involved.



A big thank you and well done to Anabel, Toby, Roan, Jarrel, Lucas, Caius and Antoni from Year 7 for raising over £1,400 in one weekend for the Lenten Appeal.

A Weekend Fundraising Bonanza!!

On Saturday 23rd March, Toby Szlachta 7P, Roan Kenny 7P, Lucas Whitehouse 7P and Jarrell Cardoz 7A busked in Bracknell Town Centre to raise funds for the Lenten Appeal. Meanwhile, Caius Izon 7J and Antoni Niedzwiecki collected donations whilst handing out cookies. As a total on Saturday we raised

£405.56

On Sunday 24th March, Anabel Gosling 7E, Jarrell Cardoz 7A and Toby Szlachta 7P did a Cake Sale, Easter egg hunt and a Raffle in our Bracknell Church, St Joseph's and St Margaret's. As a total on Sunday we raised

£1,053.84

As a grand final total, we raised **£1,459.40**

By Toby Szlachta 7P & Anabel Gosling, 7E



STRATO band members Toby Szlachta 7P, Roan Kerry 7P, Jarrell Cardoz 7A, Lucas Whitehouse 7P. Biscuit sellers/roadies Caius Izon 7J Antoni Niedzwiecki 7E





WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March, All Hallows celebrated World Book Day in style! With the aim to get students and staff talking about books and reading, the English department led the whole school in a series of fun activities that culminated in the whole of Year 7 and Year 8 (and lots of staff) dressing up as characters from books on this fantastic day. There were wizards, witches, pirates, hobbits, Victorian orphans, Greek gods, Borrowers, Mad-Hatters, Tiggers, Willy-Wonkas and even a golden snitch and a wardrobe! The effort made by individual students as well as whole tutor groups was second to none! And a real buzz was created around school with students spotting their favourite characters in some wonderfully creative costumes. Congratulations to 7H and 8A who won the prizes for the best

dressed tutor groups in their year.

In addition, 112 students entered a competition to design a new book cover for their favourite book. 20 students' designs were short-listed and one lucky winner and three runners up were chosen by Mr Doyle. Many congratulations to winner Erica Crean and the runners up: Genius Boakye, Anabel Gosling and Grace Thompson. The shortlisted 20 will be up on display around school soon.

Year 7 students also all took part in the Great Book Exchange which meant they brought in any unwanted books they had already read and finished with. And on World Book Day, they were able to exchange these for a different book. What a great way to expand their own personal libraries!

There was also the Title Quest competition around school where students were chasing down members of staff to find out which book title they were wearing on a sticker. This was another very successful competition: congratulations to Cheza Jacobs who found 33 correct pairs and to Ayshia Aziz who came a very close second with 31 pairings.

In addition, students took part in a fun book quiz in morning registration and lots of teachers talked to students about books in their subject areas. More displays will be going up soon showing Year 8s favourite books and some of the teachers' favourite reads. Did you know that Mrs Bryant's favourite book is David Mitchell's Cloud Atlas, Mr Jones' is For Whom the Bell Tolls, by Ernest Hemmingway and Mrs Booth's is Life After Life by

Kate Atkinson. Every student was also given a book token to enable them to purchase a special World Book Day book or use it as money off a full-price book.

Remember that World Book Day is not just about talking about books and reading for one day in the year and reading should not just be something that is only done in English lessons! All students should read for pleasure so please do keep talking about reading with each other, model reading at home – books, newspapers, magazines (not just online!) and remember that no child is too old to be read to! As J. K. Rowling said, "If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."



WORLD BOOK DAY



Scenes from The Spring Concerts

The Music Department have had another busy and productive term!

Just before the February half term we had our Chamber Concert for Soloists, featuring performances from each year group it was fantastic to see how much progress the students have been making within their private instrumental lessons.



and vocal groups on show it was a fantastic evening. We also said thank you and goodbye to some of our Year 11's as well as the five Year 13's who have shown so much commitment over their time at All Hallows. Having taken part in over 50 concerts during their time at All Hallows, we wish them the very best as they move onto University.

After Easter we have another busy term coming up, with our Music Junction Concert with the London Chamber Orchestra. This will be a free event held in the Auditorium on May 10th. Our Musical rehearsals are in full swing, as well as preparation for our Concert Tour to Prague, the music never stops!

A huge thank you, not only to the students, but Miss Myatt, Miss Nicolau and Mr Arthan and all the peripatetic staff who help to make these events possible.

By Mr Fisher,
Head of Music



Secondly our end of term Spring Concert was met with a packed Auditorium and featured over 150 performers. With a wide variety of instrumental



Maths Challenge Success

Pupils at All Hallows achieved 4 gold, 12 silvers and 18 bronze awards in this year's UKMT intermediate maths challenge. Over 250,000 students from across the UK participated in the maths challenge on the 7th February.

Around 1500 of the very highest performers are invited to take part in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad and around 8000 to take part in the Intermediate Kangaroo. Congratulations to Malcolm Barclay who qualified for the Cayley Olympiad and to Joseph Kay, Alison Moore and Jakob Stadler for getting through to the intermediate kangaroo as well as all achieving a gold certificate.

Well done also to Will Lyons, Pami Aleksandrov, Tom Snowdon, Ciaran Moss, Daniel Cryer, Ava Chamberlain, Daniel Lee, Meg Thomson, Daniel Munns, Joshua Brown, James Dowdell and Johannes Coetzee for their silver certificates. The following students achieved a bronze certificate: Franz Manaois, Cameron Chambers, Luke Stephens, Nischal Gurung, Shindoh Tansie, Isabella Lowe, Jasmine Costelo, Luke Gruppo, Ben Blandford, Eleanor Bridge, Anthony Bedale, Harry Hyde, Olivia Price, Alfie Vanoli, Samuel Pullen, Sebastian Usselman, Tia Bell and Adam Sewell. This is an amazing achievement, well done!

Sample question from this year's intermediate maths challenge:
There are 120000 red squirrels living in Scotland. This represents 75% of their total UK population. How many more red squirrels live in Scotland than live in the remainder of the UK?

A 30000 B 40000 C 60000 D 80000 E 90000

By Mrs Roberts, Maths Dept

At home with Shakspeare!



On 11th February, the Year 13 English Literature students were fortunate enough to visit an Othello conference held at Shakespeare's birthplace. Throughout the day, we heard a variety of lectures from Shakespearean experts, including discussions and close-readings accompanied by performances. The day as a whole was extremely useful because we gained a deeper understanding of Shakespeare and his play, *Othello*.

We also visited Shakespeare's home, where he was born and spent the first 5 years of his marriage, and enjoyed a live performance of a *Romeo and Juliet* extract in Shakespeare's gardens.



UNDER PRESSURE!



Russell Arnott came to our school to talk to us about pressure in our atmosphere and in the oceans.

His talk was very interactive, engaging and well focussed on our age group. For example, when he asked us to make a sound as loud as a sperm whale, due to the vocal developments amongst the audience, the sound **we** made was more like a cry from Tarzan, much to everyone's amusement!



He also included many interesting facts in his lecture such as, sperm whales are able to communicate with one another from anywhere on the planet. I found his talk interesting and inspiring.

By Conor Mitchell, 8C

Q&A

Olivia Price, 10J is the latest student to complete an interview, during which she explains her sporting achievements.

Q When did you first start doing swimming?

A I've been swimming since I can remember but I started swimming for a club and competing in 2015 when I was 10.



What is your favourite stroke?

My favourite stroke is breaststroke.

What training is involved for your sport?

We train in and out of the pool. Out of the pool I do 2 – 3 'land training' sessions a week. It's like circuit training so we do static exercises (squat jumps, crunches, planks etc), shuttle runs and lots of skipping! In the pool I do 8 sessions a week which near enough alternate between long distance swims and sprint training. In a long distance set I can swim 6 – 8 km in a 2-hour session, whereas in a sprint set we could swim between 2 – 5 km.



What do you love about your sport?

I love the challenge it gives me. It isn't easy to get up before school to train and it isn't easy to keep giving everything I've got through tough sets; but I can't imagine life without swimming.

However, the friends you make and the goals you achieve, make every minute of pain worth it.

Did you know that Mr Antrobus has swum counties in the past?

Yes, I did. He's told me a few (hundred) times!

Do you have any advice for being successful at your sport?

My advice for being successful at swimming is to just keep going. No matter how much you hurt, however far away from a goal you are or how badly you raced. There are many times when you will want to stop and quit. But at these points I always think about something my coach says; "Never give up! Failure and rejection are the first steps to succeeding."

Who are your inspirations? (apart from Mr Antrobus?!)

My main inspirations are Adam Peaty and Michael Phelps because they are so successful and committed to swimming and have both won huge events. They have inspired hundreds of thousands of swimmers to do so well.



What are your ambitions short term and long term?

My short-term ambition is to make finals (and possibly medal) in all of my breaststroke events at South East Regionals. I hope that these times can give me qualification for English Nationals in the summer. My longer-term ambition is to qualify to swim at the Olympic trials next year and hopefully, in years to come, qualify for the 2022 Commonwealth games and the 2024 Olympics.

Thank you to **Olivia** for her time and to **Mr Antrobus** for asking the questions.



Congratulations to **Simona Izzo** and **Amisha Sampla** of 7 More, winners of this term's Media Studies Film Competition.

"The competition was open to all year groups. Students were asked to produce a short film of any genre. We made a trailer for a scary film called "The Last Scream". The film was fun to make and we put a lot of effort into it. In the end hard work pays off! "

Blood Brothers Workshop



GCSE students in the Drama Dept engaged with West End theatre actor Mike Southern to work on their examination text Blood Brothers.

The highlights included trying to speak with a Liverpoolian accent, riding imaginary horses while pretending to be 7 Years old and even gang-ing up on 'Linda and Mickey'.

The focus of the workshop was to practically explore the interpretation of the characters to better inform student understanding ahead of the external examination.

By Mr Oakshott and Miss Agyemang





WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE FEBRUARY WINNERS

1st PRIZE – £94.20 to Mr D Malone, Farnham
2nd PRIZE – £47.10 to Mrs A Farrant, Farnham
3rd PRIZE – £15.70 to Mr J Cassar, Farnborough

Visit <https://allhallows.net/all-hallows-lottery/>
for more information.

Please email: finance@allhallows.net
for a Standing Order form. Entries cost £1
each. The monthly prize pot will be half the
proceeds, the remainder will go towards our
first project to install more outside seating
for our students.

Join today and let's get 1st prize over £100!

**YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT
WINNER... GOOD LUCK!**

PARKING PROBLEMS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We have received numerous complaints
from our neighbours about a minority of
parents who cause major problems
through careless driving or inconsider-
ate parking when dropping off or waiting
to collect their children; in particular
Woodbourne and **The Running
Stream Public House car park.**

As a school we value the maintenance
of good relationships with the local
community and would ask all parents to
support us. Sometimes cars obstruct
driveways, park illegally close to junc-
tions, or make it difficult for the school
buses to manoeuvre safely.

Our local councillors and the neighbour-
hood police officers have asked us to
draw attention to these problems and
they will be taking action to enforce the
law.

CHAPLAINCY TEAM



Holy Week is a time to remember that
Christ suffered and died on the cross for
our sins. Christ's death means that we
are guaranteed forgiveness of sin when
we accept Jesus as Lord.

As parents and carers, please speak
with your children about Holy Week and

the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter
Sunday. We know with great joy that the Lord rose
again so let's celebrate the Good News of hope and
happiness that Easter brings us!

We wish you all a happy & holy Easter!

The famous ALPHA COURSE is coming to St Joan's after Easter

Alpha is a 12 week experience, exploring the Christian faith from the basics. It is equally inspiring for introducing people to the faith or re-igniting the faith of existing church members.

If your children are asking difficult questions about Catholicism and Christianity in general, Alpha is a great way to find out the answers yourself. It's also an opportunity to build friendships and experience the love of God.

The course runs weekly either on Thursdays 10.30-12.00 from 16th May to 18th July, or
on Sundays 6.45 – 8.45 (with a light supper) from 19th May to 21st July. There is also a
retreat day on Saturday 15th June. Come along to the introductory sessions in St
Joan's Centre on 25th April at 10.30 or 28th April at 6.45 and decide if you want
to enrol.



(NB Please let us know in advance if you are coming to the introductory
session. Phone Alastair on 01252 714809 or email :
alastairemblem@yahoo.co.uk)

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Please email major achievements (include a photograph) to:
news.com@allhallows.net

Daniel Munns, 10M, has been awarded his Chief
Scout Gold Award by Blackwater Valley District
Scouts. Well done Daniel!



Matthew Grant, 10E who brought
home Gold at the British Schools Judo
Championships 2019. Matthew built on
the success from earlier this year where
he achieved Bronze in the Scottish Judo Open 2019 and
Bronze at Ingelmunster International. Matthew is working
towards his black belt and currently ranks 4th (for his weight
group) on the GB cadet ranking lists. Many congratulations
Matthew!

Harry Simms, 9H who followed up his success
at the National Karate Championships with another
bronze medal and will now be part of the **Team GB
squad** that takes on athletes from Australia, New
Zealand and the USA at the MK Arena in June.
Well done Harry!



Dates for your Diary

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Tuesday 23rd April

9A AWAYDAY

Wednesday 24th April

9C AWAYDAY

Wednesday 1st May

YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 2nd May

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 6th May

9M AWAYDAY

Wednesday 8th May

YEAR 12 STUDY LEAVE

Monday 13th May - Friday 25th May

GCSE & GCE EXAMS START

Monday 13th May

9E AWAYDAY

Wednesday 15th May

9J AWAYDAY

Wednesday 22nd May

YEAR 11 FINAL DAY

Friday 24th May

YEAR 13 FINAL DAY

Friday 24th May

HALF TERM

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

IMPORTANT NOTICE



ATTENDANCE—ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

In accordance with Local Authority guidelines All Hallows Catholic
School cannot authorise holidays during term time. Please be aware
that should you request a leave of absence for your child/children which is not
authorised, the Educational Welfare Service may be informed and a Penalty
Notice may be issued.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if
paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not
paid by the end of the 28-day period, the Local Authority will prosecute the re-
cipient for failing to ensure the regular school attendance of their child under
section 444 Education Act 1996. Please be aware that each parent is liable to
receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for
example, if there are two parents and two children, each parent will receive two
Penalty Notices.

Attendance has a direct effect on learning and achievement and we all want the
very best for your child/children.



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