

**November 2024****Tupton Hall School Term 1 and Term 2 Update**

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for supporting your child in making such a purposeful start to the new academic year.

I have been very impressed with how smart our students look, their overall behaviour both in and out of classrooms and their commitment to learning. I am fortunate to witness how hard they are working in lessons and the kindness and compassion that our students show towards one another on a daily basis. Many of our students are already accessing the wide range of co-curricular activities on offer at breaks, lunchtimes and after school. Please encourage your child to get involved, if they haven't done so already, as this is where their interests, friendships and talents can be further nurtured.

**Attendance**

Ensuring that our children are rarely absent from school remains a high priority for us all. Children that are rarely absent from school achieve far more than those that do not attend regularly. We understand that medical conditions and appointments will affect your child's attendance. School will understand, and support students and parents in these circumstances. However, please check your child's attendance % this term on Class Charts, and work with school to ensure that your child is rarely absent up to the Christmas break.

Attendance rating	School days in term 1	Absent days from school	Attendance %
Rare absence	35 days	2 days	96%
Persistent absence	35	5 days (1 school week)	86%
Persistent absence	35	7 days (1 day absent each week)	80%
Severe absence	35	18 days ( 3.5 weeks)	49%

**Catering**

The revised catering arrangements have been well received by our students. During the next term we will be formally surveying their opinions on the new menu choices and listening carefully to their feedback. The outdoor canopies are being heavily used by students with the hot plated meal option being a real favourite of the student body.

**Parent Governor**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please look out for the communication from school sent via Class charts on 22.10.24 that explains the process of application and appointment.

**Armistice / Remembrance Day**

School will mark Remembrance Day on Friday 8 November 2024. We would like all of our students who are part of uniformed service groups such as Army, RAF, Navy, Scouts, Guides, Police, St John's Ambulance cadets etc. to be part of our parade and participate in the laying of crosses and wreaths at the Tupton Hall Tree of Life on the school courtyard. Students can wear their uniforms in school throughout the day.

Wishing you all the very best,

Andrew J Knowles  
Headteacher