



# Attendance Information

October 2021

**A message from our Executive Principal Sophie Murfin**

We would like to welcome back all our pupils old and new and their families.

Last academic year was like no other, we acknowledge it was very different but are ready to move forward and are looking forward to this year.

Good attendance and punctuality remains a key priority for us due to the impact poor attendance can have on learning. We are pleased that our attendance continues to improve and would like to thank you for your commitment and support. .

## Absence Line

Please remember to ring in or email before 9am to report your child's absence each day.



**0161 223 2805 Old Hall Drive Academy**



**attendance@oldhalldrive.manchester.sch.uk**



**0161 681 1783 Briscoe Lane Academy**



**attendance@briscoe.manchester.sch.uk**



**0161 370 2616 Seymour Road Academy**



**attendance@seymour.manchester.sch.uk**

## Wise Owl Trust Term dates

| Term Dates 2021-2022 |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Autumn 1             |                    |
| School opens:        | 2nd September 2021 |
| School closes:       | 22nd October 2021  |
| Autumn 2             |                    |
| School opens         | 1st November 2021  |
| School closes:       | 17th December 2021 |
| Spring 1             |                    |
| School opens:        | 4th January 2022   |
| School closes:       | 18th February 2022 |
| Spring 2             |                    |
| School opens:        | 1st March 2022     |
| School closes:       | 1st April 2022     |
| Summer 1             |                    |
| School opens         | 19th April 2022    |
| School closes:       | 20th May 2022      |
| Summer 2             |                    |
| School opens:        | 6th June 2022      |
| School closes:       | 26th July 2022     |

### School closed for teacher training

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Thursday 5th May 2022

Monday 30th May 2022

Wednesday 1st June 2022

### School closed for bank holiday

Monday 2nd May 2022





Briscoe Lane, Old Hall Drive and Seymour Road Academies would like to welcome all our new children and their families. We hope you have settled well and have made lots of new friends and are enjoying all your learning experiences.

## Our Values

The wise Owl trust is dedicated to the development of each child as an individual, and presenting them with the opportunities to succeed. We, as a trust encourage our children to make the most of their strengths and embrace their areas for development, by developing confidence and a 'can-do' attitude. We believe that every child, however challenging their circumstances and whatever their background, can achieve.





## **GET SUPPORT**

Are you and your family struggling to make ends meet and need support?

Do you live in Manchester or Salford?

From time to time, we all need a little help and sometimes it's hard to know where to turn. Wood Street Mission helps support families living on a low income in Manchester and Salford with practical help and services.

We can help you with children's clothes, toys, bedding, baby equipment and toiletries through our Family Basics Centre from our base in Manchester City Centre.

### **How does it work?**

You need to be referred to the Wood Street Mission by a professional who knows your family circumstance for example, someone from school, social worker, health worker, midwife or support worker.

Old Hall Drive: Jeanette Turner

Briscoe Lane: Janet Lloyd and Precious Mike

Seymour Road: Louise De Courcey

## Support in ensuring your child attends school regularly during these very challenging times.

**Old Hall Drive, Briscoe Lane and Seymour Road Academies are working very hard to ensure that we are following all the government guidelines.**

In all education, childcare and social care settings, preventing the spread of coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). A range of approaches and actions should be employed to do this. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. These include:

1. minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges
2. cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands and wrists are covered
3. ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
4. cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
5. Containing any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

### **Under the new guidelines please be aware of the following changes:**

School are no longer sending bubbles home. Only the child that tests positive on a PCR test needs to self isolate for 10 days.

Children can attend school even if someone in their household tests positive.

**We have a team of people across the trust who are here to help with any questions, any anxieties you have about sending your child/children to school during the Covid 19 pandemic.**

Old Hall Drive: Denise Hughes, Jeanette Turner

Briscoe Lane: Nicola Burke, Janet Lloyd and Precious Mike

Seymour Road: Louise De Coursey

If you feel you need extra support the above members of staff can also make a referral to the Early Help Team.



# **Symptoms of Coronavirus**

## **The most common signs are new...**

- Continuous cough
- Fever/ temperature 37.8 degrees or greater
- Loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

### **A new continuous cough is where you**

- Have a new cough that lasted for an hour
- Have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
- Are coughing more than usual

**A high temperature is feeling hot to the touch on your chest or back. You may feel warm, cold or shivery.**

**If you child has any of these covid 19 symptoms take the following action:**

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child should get a test
- Whole household self isolates while waiting for test results
- Inform school immediately about test result.

**If anyone in your household has symptoms book a free Covid 19 test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119**



### **Do you know about the Minor Ailment Scheme**

Pharmacists are experts in medicines who can help you with minor health concerns.

As qualified healthcare professionals, they can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains.

If symptoms suggest it's something more serious, pharmacists have the right training to make sure you get the help you need. For example they will tell you if you need to see a GP.

All pharmacists train for 5 years in the use of medicines. They are also trained in managing minor illnesses and providing health and wellbeing advice.

### **DON'T FORGET**

School will not authorise a full day for medical appointments you must provide medical evidence for us to authorise the absence. It is important that you inform school in advance about medical appointments. You can always get your child's mark first thing in the morning before taking them for their appointment, this will help to keep your child's attendance above national average. Please try and make GP and dental appointments out of school hours. If you do need to take your child out of school for medical appointments please let staff know in advance, and provide medical evidence.

School do not allow children to leave school early unless for emergencies as this is disruptive for the class teacher and the other children who are learning. This will be monitored if it happens regularly

# Attendance and punctuality are VERY important



Help your child succeed

Build the habit of good attendance

**DON'T BE LATE, BE ON TIME.**

| Description               | Attendance | Actual Time | Whole Days | Weeks            | Learning |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------|----------|
| Excellent                 | 100%       | 190 days    | 0          | 0                | 0        |
|                           | 99         | 188 days    | 2          | 0                | 10       |
| Good                      | 98         | 186 days    | 4          | 0                | 20       |
|                           | 97         | 184 days    | 6          | 1 week 1 day     | 30       |
|                           | 96         | 182.5 days  | 7.5        | 1 week 2.5 days  | 37.5     |
| Satisfactory              | 95         | 180.5 days  | 9.5        | 1 week 4.5 days  | 47.5     |
| Serious Cause for concern | 90         | 171 days    | 19         | 3 weeks 4 days   | 95       |
|                           | 89         | 169         | 21         | 4 weeks 1        | 105      |
|                           | 88         | 167         | 23         | 4 weeks 3 days   | 115      |
|                           | 87         | 165         | 25         | 5 weeks          | 125      |
|                           | 86         | 163         | 27         | 5 weeks 2 days   | 135      |
|                           | 85         | 161.5       | 28.5       | 5 weeks 3.5 days | 142.6    |
|                           | 84         | 159.5       | 30.5       | 6 weeks          | 152.5    |
|                           | 83         | 158         | 32         | 6 weeks 2 days   | 160      |
|                           | 82         | 156         | 34         | 6 weeks 4 days   | 170      |
|                           | 81         | 154         | 36         | 7 weeks 1        | 180      |