

JWS Update

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.



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How will we communicate with you from September?

We will be using two platforms, you will need to download both of these.



www.studybugs.com



www.classcharts.com

Attendance

From September we are changing how we communicate with you about attendance. **Studybugs** is a platform supported by schools and the NHS to report school absence. Whenever you report your child absent from school, the platform will send you official guidance from the UK Health Security Agency on whether it is necessary to stay off school, based on the symptoms or illnesses you enter. All information is kept confidential and secure in line with GDPR requirements. This allows schools to engage in text conversations with you. For more information, take a look at <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>. The app is free to download to both iPhone and Android devices. You will need to use the email listed with school in order for us to verify your identity from a safeguarding perspective. It is from this platform that we will inform you of any absence or lateness to school as well as any other school news.

Classcharts is the platform we use to inform you of behaviour in school allowing us to celebrate success in real time with you as well as making you aware of any concerning behaviour that may mean we have to sanction your child. From an attendance perspective, punctuality at school is essential. In view of supporting and encouraging punctuality to school, in addition to working with our students to identify any issues in attending school on time, there may well be occasions where a sanction is necessary, and these will be communicated via the Classcharts app. The DfE are tightening up on the sanction of poor punctuality, so we aim to work with you to stop legal sanctions.

With changes to legislation, and punctuality in mind, from September

- Students are to be in school for line up by 8:40
- Registers will be taken from 8:45
- Registers will be closed at 9:15

From September 2024 MCAS (My Child at School) will be deactivated

Changes to legislation – August 2024

Working together to improve school attendance is new legislation coming into place in August 2024. The emphasis of this legislation is the responsibilities of parents in terms of school attendance alongside how various agencies can work with you to promote school attendance. These can be found here in [School Attendance Responsibilities](#). In summary it is expected that parents will:-

- Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

In the rare event that your child is unable to attend school, please remember to notify us every morning of their absence, before 8:30am. You can: Log the absence via your Studybugs login

or

Email: attendance@jws.bham.sch.uk | Telephone: 0121 378 6564

Please ensure that you clearly state your child's name, Tutor group and the reason for absence. Thank you. If we do not receive a reason for absence, we are required to record this as unauthorised absence. Our Attendance Team are here to work with you to remove any barriers to regular attendance.

Return to school in September

Wednesday 4 September

New Year 7 should arrive on the playground for 8:40am

Thursday 5 September

Years 7 & 11 should arrive on the playground for 8:40am

Friday 6 September

All Years (7, 8, 9, 10 & 11) should arrive on the playground for 8:40am

'Potential into Reality'