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Ightenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

Working together – the power of partnerships

There's something quietly powerful about the everyday moments in a child's life. The walk to school, a shared story before bed, a quick chat about their day—these small, consistent acts shape confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning. As parents, you are your child's first and most important teacher, and the encouragement you give matters more than you might realise.

In a world that often feels fast-paced and demanding, it's easy to wonder if we're doing enough. The truth is, your presence, your patience, and your belief in your child are already making a lasting difference. Every time you celebrate their effort, listen to their ideas, or reassure them after a tricky day, you are helping them grow stronger and more resilient.

School and home work best as a team. Together, we create an environment where children feel safe to try, to fail, and to succeed. By staying involved—whether through reading together, asking questions, or simply showing interest—you're sending a powerful message: learning matters.

Thank you for all that you do. Your support helps our children not just achieve, but truly flourish.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher



School uniform

School uniforms are a familiar part of primary school life, and they play an important role in creating a positive learning environment. One of the main benefits of a school uniform is that it promotes a sense of belonging. When children wear the same clothing, they feel part of a team and develop pride in their school community.

Uniforms also help to reduce distractions in the classroom. Without the pressure to wear the latest trends or compete over clothing, pupils can focus more on their learning and less on appearance. This can support better concentration and improved behaviour throughout the school day.

Another key advantage is equality. School uniforms help to minimise visible differences between pupils from different backgrounds, making the school environment more inclusive. This can boost confidence, especially for younger children who may otherwise feel self-conscious.



British Values

- ♦ Democracy ♦ The rule of law
- ♦ Individual liberty
- ♦ Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith



Ightenhill Primary
To be the best that we can be!

Happy birthday to you !

Burhaan, Harry, Elliott,
Chayton, Harper Mai

Stars of the Week

Teachers have been choosing pupils who have been working hard in school and displaying our school values. This is always a difficult task because we have so many fantastic learners here at Ightenhill !

Well done to all of our shining stars.

Class	Stars of the week	
EFYS	Edwin, Albie-James, Kelton, Harley	
3	Holly Mae	Alfie
4	Cody	Reuben
5	Samira	Rosie
6	Musfira	Miley Louise
7	Willow	Yusra
8	Gold	Skyla Gray
9	Harrison	Evie
10	Brenden	Raelynn
11	Kaysha	Leo
12	Nayleasi	Toby
14	Lena	Kai
15	Delilah	Abigail

Maths matters

Helping your child learn their times tables can be a rewarding and even enjoyable part of home learning. While it may seem like simple memorisation, strong knowledge of times tables builds confidence and supports many areas of maths as children progress through school.

The key is to keep practice short, regular, and engaging. Just five to ten minutes a day can make a big difference. Try turning it into a game—quick-fire questions, times table bingo, or even chanting answers together can make learning feel fun rather than a chore. Praise effort as much as accuracy, as this encourages a positive attitude towards learning.

Real-life connections can also help. Ask your child questions like, "If we have 4 plates and each needs 3 biscuits, how many do we need?" This shows how maths is used every day.

School dinner price increases

After the Easter holidays, Lancashire County Council increased the price of school dinners.

From Monday 13th April, the price increased to £3 per day (£15 per week).

Parent governor election

Our two new parent governors are Mrs J Hetherington and Mr D Tierney.

Welcome to the team.

Our next Full Governors meeting is in June.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Safeguarding children and families at Ightenhill

Keeping children safe in school is one of our key priorities.
Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are :

Mr S Crosier - Headteacher

Mrs E Brown - Inclusion manager and lead DSL

Mrs K Dunderdale - Deputy Headteacher

**Miss J Thompson – Family Engagement and Attendance
manager**

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact school



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

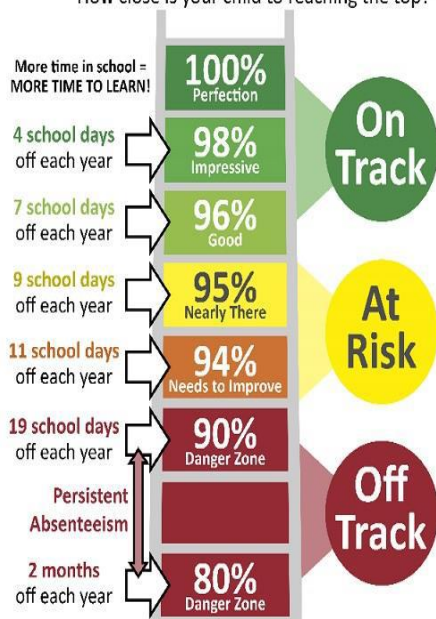
In every force. In every school. For every child.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass has been adopted within Lancashire to provide early reporting to schools, such as ours, about all domestic abuse incidents that occur outside school hours which a young person attending Ightenhill Primary has been exposed to, and which might then have an impact on their schooling the following day. This information is shared throughout the year, including school holidays and the weekends.

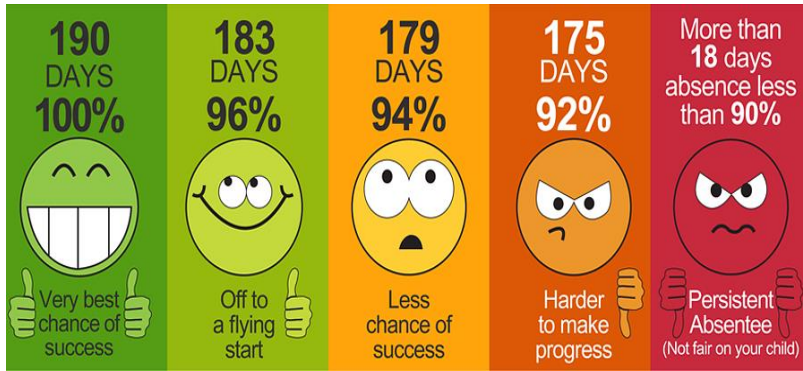
Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



**Outdoor learning in Ightenhill
park**

**On Friday Year 6 enjoyed our
science lesson in the park**



TERM DATES

School is closed on Monday 4th May for the May Day bank holiday.

We close for half term on Friday 22nd May at 3.30 pm and reopen on Wednesday 3rd June at 8.50am.

We are here to learn !

Being in school every day, on time is the best way to ensure we succeed in school.

Our attendance target is an ambitious 96%.

This week 7 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	97.2
2	91.9
3	97.5
4	89.2
5	98.7
6	96.1
7	89.2
8	93.4
9	96.9
10	98.5
11	89.6
12	93.3
14	97.2
15	91.6



Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies.

They spend the week in the class with the highest attendance.



A SCHOOL WITH VALUES AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO

AMBITION *CO-OPERATION* *HONESTY* *KINDNESS* *RESILIENCE*
 RESPECT *RESPONSIBILITY*

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please can we remind you that parents and carers are not permitted to bring dogs onto the school playground.



Mobile Phones

We do not allow children to have a mobile phone in school, this is an important rule that protects all of our pupils.

We do make an exception – only for our older children (Year 5 and Year 6) who walk to/from school on their own. If your child needs their phone in school for this reason, you must sign a permission slip (available from your child's teacher).

Any mobile phones brought into school will be turned off and given to the teacher. We do not allow children to use their mobile phone whilst on the school premises.

If a pupil is found to be using a phone on the school premises, this is a serious matter and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy



Nut-Free School

At Ightenhill Primary School, the safety and well-being of our children and staff is very important. We have several pupils and staff with severe nut allergies, so we are a nut-free school.

We kindly ask that all children's packed lunches and snacks are free from nuts or nut-based ingredients. This small step helps keep our school community safe and ensures everyone can enjoy their day worry-free.

Thank you for helping us look after each other!



Breakfast and after-school club provision

We currently offer a before and after school club provision which is delivered by school staff.

The hours of operation are :

Breakfast club : 7.45am-8.50am After-school club : 3.30pm-5.15pm (4.30pm on Friday)

Places are limited and need to be booked in advance using ParentPay.

It is important that children are collected promptly at the end of the after-school session, late collection may result in a late penalty fee of £10 added to your account and could prevent you from using the facility in the future.

If you have any questions about our before and after-school clubs, please contact the school office.