



27th February 2026



Ightenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

Attendance matters

As we look ahead to the second half of the school year at Ightenhill Primary School, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the vital importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Every school day counts. When children attend regularly and arrive on time, they are better able to engage fully with their learning, build strong relationships with their peers, and develop the positive habits that will support them throughout their education and beyond. Even small amounts of missed time can quickly add up, leading to gaps in learning and reduced confidence in the classroom.

At Ightenhill, we are proud of the enthusiasm and commitment our pupils show. To maintain this momentum, it is essential that children are in school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Arriving on time is equally important. The start of the school day sets the tone for learning; morning routines, key instructions and early lessons provide a calm and focused beginning that supports success throughout the day.

We understand that there can occasionally be unavoidable circumstances that affect attendance. When this happens, please ensure you inform the school office promptly. Our team is always here to offer support where needed.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment. By working together, we can ensure that every child at Ightenhill Primary School has the very best opportunity to thrive during the remainder of this academic year.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher

Parents evening dates for your diary

Our Spring term parents evening meetings are being held on Monday 23rd March and Wednesday 25th March 3.45pm - 5.45 pm.

We are looking forward to talking to parents about the progress that your child has made this academic year and targets for the second half of the school year.





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 !

Alyssia, Raees,
Hunter C, Elliott S,
Ronald, Mobben, Haylie
Mae

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	
EYFS	Violet, Asher, Alfie, Jude	
3	Teddy	Shahzore
4	Alani Rose	Layton
5	Daisy	Yaroub
6	Layton	Sienna
7	Daisy	Yusra
8	Mark	Emily
9	Arthur	Cayla
10	Amelia	Raees
11	Jayden Lee	Leo
12	Marshall	Lily Grace
14	Elliott	Bailey
15	Elijah	Maizie

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!



School dinner price increases

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

From Monday 13th April, prices will increase to £3 per day (£15 per week).

Parent governor election

Next week, we will be sending out nomination forms for a new parent governor.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the role, please speak to Mr Crosier or Mrs Dunderdale.

**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

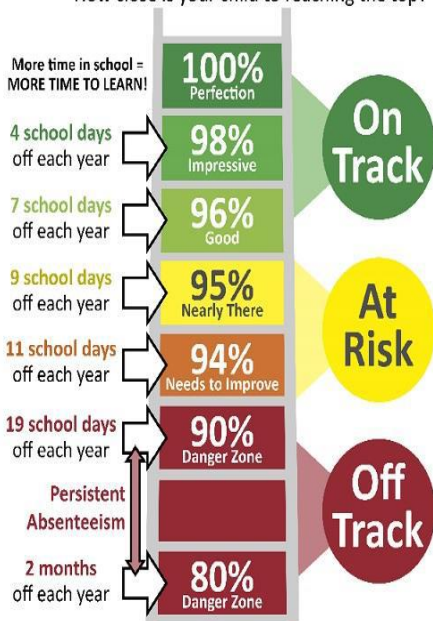
In every force. In every school. For every child.

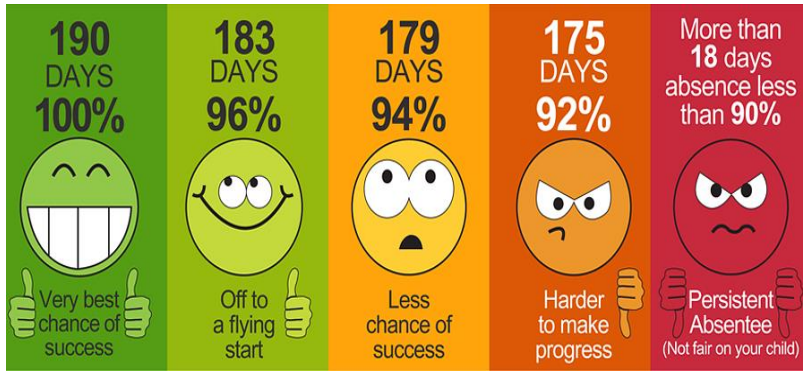
Operation Encompass

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?





TERM DATES

We close for Easter on Friday 27th March at 1.15 pm and reopens on Monday 13th April 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 6 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	96.6
2	94.2
3	97.8
4	91.9
5	96.3
6	94.2
7	95.6
8	97.6
9	94.8
10	95
11	95.6
12	90
14	97.2
15	96.2



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*



Children and young people today often see their online and offline lives as one and the same. As technology evolves quickly, it can be hard to keep up – but regular, open conversations make a big difference.

There will be times when children need advice or support, especially when navigating the online world. They might come across harmful content or be contacted by someone they don't know, which can be confusing or upsetting.

The NSPCC website has lots of useful information to support parents.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Top tips for talking to children about staying safe online

1. Start with the positives

Being online can be a great way for children to learn, be creative, and stay connected with friends and family. Recognising these benefits helps keep conversations balanced and encourages confident, safe use of technology.

2. Find the right time and place

Choose a calm moment to talk, such as during a walk, car journey, or shared activity. Avoid starting the conversation when emotions are high or during a disagreement.

3. Use child-facing resources and advice

Support your conversation with age-appropriate tools, videos, or guides. These can help children understand key messages and make the discussion more engaging and relevant to their stage of development.

4. Ask about their experiences

Use open questions like:

- 'Have you seen anything online that made you uncomfortable?'
- 'Who do you chat with online?'
- 'Are they people you know offline?'
- 'How do you feel when using certain apps or games?'

5. Make it part of everyday life

These chats don't need to be formal or one-off. Regular, relaxed conversations help children feel supported and more likely to speak up if something worries them

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



SAFEGUARDING AT IGHTENHILL

As the roads around school are so busy at the start and the end of the day, we ask that children do not travel to school on their bikes.

This is to keep our children safe.



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.