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Ightenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

The changing face of safeguarding

At Ightenhill we have reviewed how we use our school facebook page and other forms of communication. As part of this update, we will no longer post photographs on facebook that show identifiable images of our pupils.

With the rapid development of artificial intelligence, schools are increasingly advised to avoid sharing pupil images on public social media platforms. Unfortunately, images can be altered or misused once they are online.

Safeguarding our children is always our highest priority. As new technologies and challenges emerge, we continually review and strengthen our procedures to ensure we are doing everything possible to keep our pupils safe.

We will continue to celebrate pupils' work and achievements through ClassDojo, which is a secure and private platform for our school community. ClassDojo will remain the main place where families can view photographs and updates from school.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher

Buildings update

We have a lot of work taking place in the February holiday.

There are two astroturf football pitches being installed in Key Stage 2, a new set of doors on the lower junior entrance, teaching walls in EYFS and one of our group rooms, new blinds around the school and the KS1 hall is being refurbished.





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 !

Diamond, Bertie, Finn,
Yasmin, Kaydon, Clayton,
Lucian, Eva, Georgie,
Kevin, Arlo, Minnie

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	Book Prize winners
EYFS	Md and Fizzah
3	Emily
4	Hunter
5	Eva
6	Darcie Leigh
7	Charlie
8	Alistair
9	April
10	Lexi
11	Manahil
12	Stanley
14	Poppy
15	Alexis

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

In the next few weeks, we will be recruiting 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

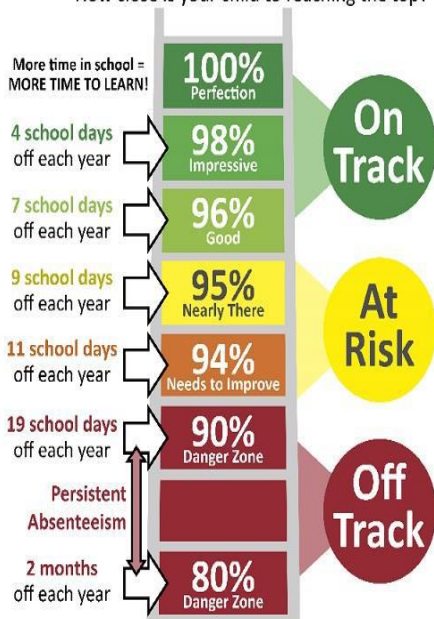
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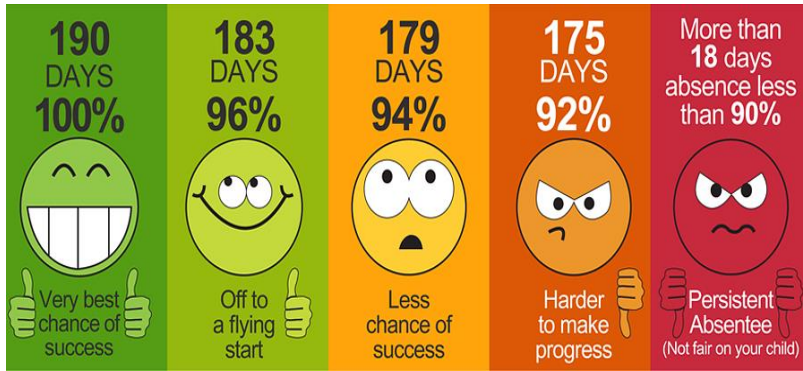
Operation Encompass

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 February half-term holiday on Friday 13th February at 3.30pm and reopens on Monday 23rd February 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 2 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	95.7
2	95.7
3	95.6
4	89.2
5	90.4
6	89
7	93.2
8	95.2
9	95.8
10	85
11	95.3
12	98
14	91.3
15	90



Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies.

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

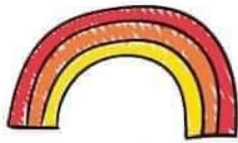


A SCHOOL WITH VALUES AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO

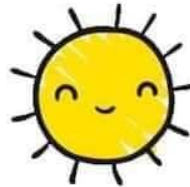
AMBITION *CO-OPERATION* *HONESTY* *KINDNESS* *RESILIENCE*
 RESPECT *RESPONSIBILITY*



Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Focus on articulating feelings.
"I am angry."
"I am sad."

Encourage journaling and diaries.



Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.



Encourage your child to focus on the moment.

Establish a self-care routine.



Recognize toxic stress events.

BlessingManifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

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.

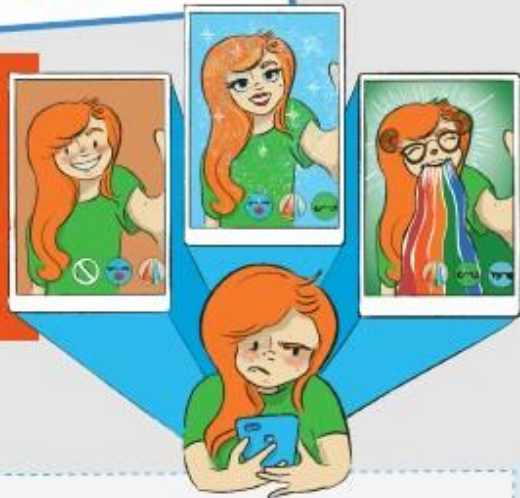
It is important that children are collected promptly at the end of the after-school session, late collection may result in a late penalty fee of £10 added to your account and could prevent you from using the facility in the future.

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

Online Safety and Social Media



Social media is an online platform that allows users to connect with others online. Depending on what platform you use, social media can allow you to communicate and share information with others with the intention to update or engage a specific audience. This can often include sharing videos, images, status updates or posts with a group of followers that can sometimes cover a global scale.



A lot of the time, social media is a positive place where users support each other. Despite this, it can also house toxic and harmful behaviours, which can be directed towards specific individuals or groups with the intention to harass, or cause upset.

Benefits of Social Media

- 1 Available and accommodating to most audiences
- 2 Can promote positivity and healthy expression
- 3 An accessible platform to connect with others
- 4 An instant platform for news and global awareness



Considerations for Social Media

- 1 Harmful and offensive content may be seen across platforms
- 2 Can be used to promote misleading information
- 3 Can promote unhealthy expectations and pressure for young people
- 4 Can impact digital wellbeing if not managed correctly



Harm on Social Media

Many social media platforms have adapted to include reporting features in order to tackle certain types of online harm. Some of these harms to watch out for include:

- 1 Fake online profiles
- 2 Misinformation or fake ads
- 3 Scamming or fraud attempts
- 4 Radical online content



Socialising Online

Social media provides a lot of freedom in how to connect with other users as well as how information and content is made available. This has provided certain platforms with worldwide appeal, giving anyone an opportunity to connect and engage with others. To promote keeping safe on social media, ensure that young people know how to:

- 1 Report harmful content online
- 2 Block and report users who are being offensive or harmful
- 3 Manage privacy settings to limit exposure to known friends and family members
- 4 Speak to a trusted adult if they are concerned about something online



To find out more about Social Media visit the SWGfL hub:
swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/

or scan the QR code



Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content:
reportharmfulcontent.com

