



The Adderley Post

Thursday 11th January 2024 - Issue No 8

Arden Road, Saltley, Birmingham B8 1DZ • ☎ 0121 464 1500
www.adderleyprimary.co.uk • 🐦 @adderleyschool



The Big Ambition – Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The survey asks for information about the person responding, the child's age, and what school they attend. There is also an option to complete an easy-read version with larger text. The questions are slightly different depending on the age of the child answering, but, everyone is asked what they think the Government should do to make children's lives better.

It's important to remember that the survey is not a test and that there are no right or wrong answers.

Selected children will be completing this survey at school and children can also complete the survey with their parents at home by visiting: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition

The survey takes around **10 minutes** to complete and can be completed on mobile phones, tablets, laptops and computers.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 19th January.

Everything in the survey is anonymous. If you would like to find out more about data protection policies, please visit: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/privacy>.

You can contact us via email by writing to enquiry@adderley.bham.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE, LATENESS AND EXTENDED LEAVE

Attendance

As Parents/Carers are aware, good attendance at school ensures children learn and make good progress. Adderley Primary School takes poor attendance very seriously and will take action where Parents/Carers fail to ensure their children attend school regularly. Every child should achieve an attendance target and we recognise the good work many Parents/Carers do in ensuring their children achieve this.

YOUR CHILD WILL NOT ACHIEVE OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE IF THEY MISS MORE THAN 3 DAYS IN ANY SCHOOL YEAR.

Lateness

When a pupil arrives late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the school day. Poor punctuality can also cause social disruption as children may feel uncomfortable and embarrassed arriving to the classroom when everyone else is already settled. When a pupil arrives late it disrupts the teacher and the rest of the class, compromising everyone's learning.

The school day commences at **8.35am** and all pupils are expected to be in school on time in readiness for the start of the school day. School registers open at **8.35am** and close at **8.50am**. Pupils arriving after **8.45am** but before **8.50am** will be marked as late in the register. After **8:50am**, all absence will be marked as unauthorised until the reason for absence has been established.

Parents/Carers must sign children in if arriving after 8.45am using the new iPad that is located in the main reception area. **Please note that Parents/Carers must accompany a child/children into school if late and must not drop off at the gate or in the middle of the road.**

Good timekeeping matters. Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing nearly two weeks of school? **EVERY DAY COUNTS but every minute is important! LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING**

Please consider the impact of any absences or lateness will have on your child's education.

Extended Leave

If you are thinking of taking your child out of school for an extended period, please come to the office to complete an Exceptional Circumstances Leave In Term Time Form. Adderley Primary School will **not** grant requests for leave in term time and any leave will be recorded as **unauthorised absence**.

Parents must be aware that they are at risk of losing their child's school place or being fined by the Local Authority.

Penalty Notice (fines) of **£60** are issued by Birmingham City Council to each parent of each child. For example if 2 children are taken on extended leave then Mother/Carer will receive a fine for **£120.00** and so will Father/Carer will receive a fine for **£120.00**.

If the Penalty Notice has not be paid within **21 days** then the Penalty Notice (fine) will double. For example if 2 children are taken on extended leave then the Mother/Carer fine will double to **£240.00** and so will the Father/Carer fine double to **£240.00**.

If the Penalty Notice has not been paid within **Day 28**, parents are generally prosecuted under section 444(1), the Education Act 1996. Where it may be decided that the matter should proceed directly to Court via a Single Justice Notice .

Parents/Carers should send any queries following a Penalty Notice/Single Justice Notice to Education Legal Interventions Team, in writing or by email. Parents/Carers can contest the penalty notice via an online form - the address will be on the Penalty Notice. **Please understand this is the Local Authority Procedure.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**School Closes for End of Term
Friday 9th February 2024**

**School re-opens on
Monday 19th February 2024**