



NEWSLETTER

WC 21st November -2022



ATTENDANCE

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who scored 100% attendance again last week,

100% ATTENDANCE

Also congratulations to Year 8 & Year 10 for much improved attendance last week.

Well Done to Ms Johnson & Anderson for top attendance last week



Year groups
attendance
percentage.

Year 5 - 100%
Year 6 - 76%
Year 7 - 68%
Year 8 - 82%
Year 9 - 53%
Year 10 - 68%
Year 11 - 66%

Form groups
attendance
percentage.

Anderson - 94%
Parks - 88%
Daley - 87%
Storey - 78%
Newton - 82%
Storey - 78%
Watson - 74%

If your child is going to be absent please notify the school on the day by 9am.

Please either call the school and leave a message or use the ParentApp to notify staff of absents and reason.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS



Congratulations to our
Top Ten pupils.

Lower School

Ethan (Daley)
Joshua (Daley)
Alissa-Jade (Daley)
Rosie-Leigh (Daley)
Lj (Daley)
Lilly-May (Watson)
Sam (Banksy)
Ethan (Banksy)
Mason (Watson)
Harley (Daley)

Upper School

Samuel (Hamilton)
Liam (Newton)
Leon (Storey)
Jack (Anderson)
Riley (Newton)
Olly (Newton)
Joe (Newton)
Drew (Anderson)
Arran (Castner)
Cameron (Storey)

#EVERYDAYCOUNTS



The Department for Education has written guidance called "Working together to improve attendance" which is soon to become statutory. Where parents have opted for their child to be registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from school.

Why does attendance matter?

- Regular school attendance is central to raising standards in education and improving the life chances of all children.
- Regular attendance at school enables children to gain maximum benefit from the range of educational and wider opportunities available to them.

Responsibilities and Expectations of Parents & Carers...

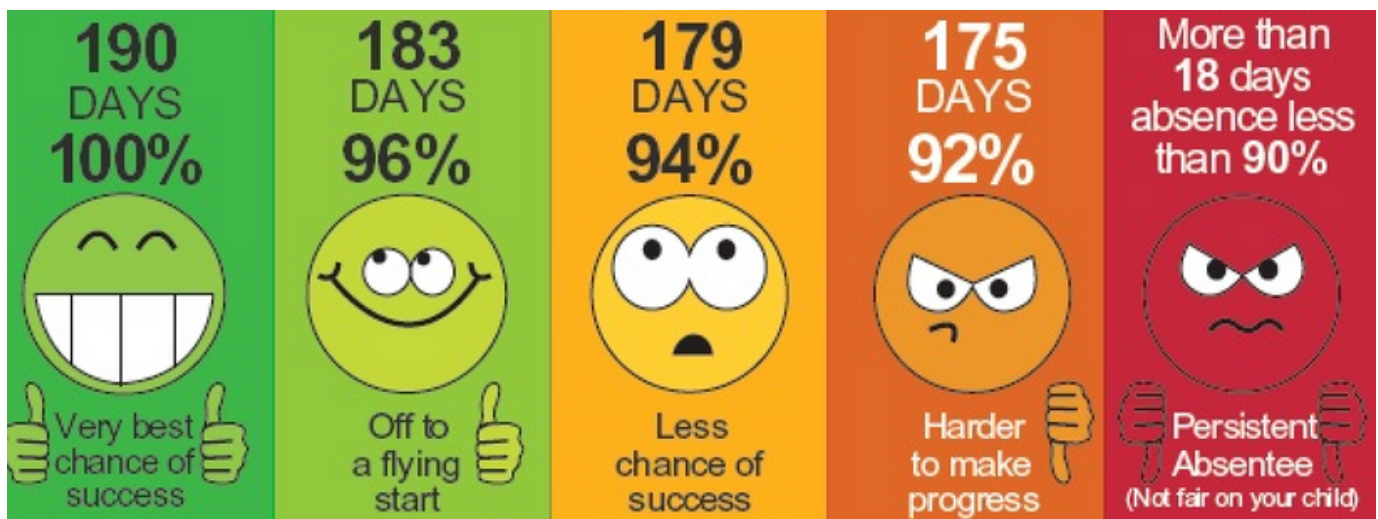
ensure that your child attends school every day that school is open unless there is a genuine and unavoidable reason that prevents them from this. We appreciate that children do get poorly and at times, the best place is at home. ensure that your child arrives on time every day - school starts at 8:40 am. A reason should be offered for any lateness. Inform us as soon as possible, by phone, or in person if your child is unable to attend school - along with the reason for absence. To make medical appointments outside school hours wherever possible and to inform school in advance of any medical appointments that cannot be scheduled out of school time.

95%

Is the expected attendance of all compulsory age school children.

If your child's attendance drops below this, this is where stepped interventions start to be implemented.

This includes: a phone call home, a letter of concern, 1:1 meetings, a fixed penalty notice (in cases of unauthorised attendance), an attendance panel meeting and the involvement of a Wirral Attendance Officer.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



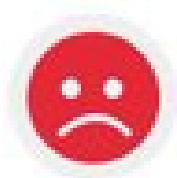
100%

- **not missing any lessons during term time.**
Present for all lessons activities and social time



95%

- **missing in excess of two weeks of education.**
Absent from the classroom for up to three weeks and the loss of a significant amount of education



Under 92%

- **missing more than 3 weeks of education.**
A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on your child's achievement and life chances

"Punctual and regular school attendance is an essential requirement for successful learning from the time a child starts school".



Dates for your



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & SCHOOL EVENTS

- 14th -18th November - Anti-Bullying - Week
- 14th - 18th November - Road Safety Week
- 18th November - Children in Need
- 12th December - Inset Day
- 16th December - School Fair
- 20th December - Start of Christmas half term

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please see the lunch menu for our return, W/C 21st November 2022.

If your child would like a hot dinner, please let your classroom staff know in advance.
Dinners are charged at £2.45 per day, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals
Lunches are to be paid for in cash, this can be either passed to your Teacher, TA,
or the school office.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2					
CHOICE 1					
	Meatballs served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Chicken Pie served with New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Hot BBQ Chicken Wrap served with Vegetable Sticks or Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
CHOICE 2					
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Pasta Dish of the Day Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad
DESSERT					
	Banana Bread	Oaty Biscuit	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fresh Water Melon Wedge	Chocolate Orange Cookie

Available every day – Unlimited Salad, Freshly Baked Bread, Fruit Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter & Chilled Water. For allergen information, please ask one of our Catering Team. All the above dishes are subject to availability.



IMPORTANT

If your child has allergies please notify the school office.



First game of the 2022 World Cup for England!

Some pupils earned the opportunity to watch in school this afternoon

And what a result for England's first game



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What Parents Need to Know about Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II

Modern Warfare II is the 19th instalment in the relentless Call of Duty series, which shows no sign of shedding popularity. In fact, this latest release has reportedly broken lucrative new ground for the franchise - almost unbelievably garnering \$1 billion in sales in its first ten days of availability (according to the publishers, Activision), making it the fastest-selling Call of Duty title yet.

It seems young gamers can't get enough of the high-octane gunplay that CoD offers. Their eager engagement with the game, however, can lead to hours of compulsive playing; hostile audio chat exchanges with other gamers; and a willingness to make in-game purchases to level up their character. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has all the intel on Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE II

AGE RATING

PEGI
18

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry – Modern Warfare II – has so far proved a massive commercial success. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features – unsurprisingly – extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

Like most of its predecessors in the franchise, Modern Warfare II carries an 18 age rating from PEGI (the Pan-European Gaming Information system, which assesses games' content for suitability). This means players will encounter – according to PEGI's wording – depictions of "gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters".

OFFENSIVE CHAT & MESSAGING

Most CoD players are likely to spend the majority of their time on Modern Warfare II in online multiplayer mode. This entails competing against – or cooperating with – strangers on the online battlefield. The fast-paced, cut-throat world of CoD means that communication through the game's voice chat and direct messages often turns heated and aggressive, which may upset younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Modern Warfare II follows the 'battle pass' model of games like Fortnite. For a fee – usually around £10 – each 'season' (every three months or so), players will be invited to complete extra challenges to earn new weapons and equipment. Different tiers of battle pass (costing more money) enable them to achieve this more quickly, while items can also be purchased from the in-game store.

POLITICAL SENSITIVITY

Previous CoD games have been accused of attempting to "rewrite history": failing to correctly attribute alleged war crimes to the US military, for example. The semi-fictional version of history presented on screen can cause players to misunderstand past conflicts and the real reasons they took place. This could lead to young people developing a distorted, inaccurate view of world politics.

AN ADDICTIVE EXPERIENCE

Multiplayer mode in Call of Duty titles revolves around levelling up your character to unlock new weapons, abilities and equipment. The process is designed so that it doesn't take too long to see an improvement, and the feeling of making meaningful progress can keep players hooked for hours. It's easy for gamers of any age to lose track of time, but younger ones are especially susceptible.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESPECT THE AGE RATING

Based on accurately recreating combat situations, Call of Duty games are unflinching in their portrayal of war. Limbs are shot off and explosions send gore flying, while the previous Modern Warfare featured a lengthy interrogation and torture sequence. With Modern Warfare II offering the same style of brutal realism, it's worth reiterating that the PEGI 18 age rating is there for a reason.

CLOSE OFF COMMUNICATION

Unless they're playing with their real-life friends, it may be worth closing communication channels if your child plays Modern Warfare II. There's less of a team focus than in many other online combat games and therefore no real need to interact with strangers. Call of Duty fans can be intensely competitive, so even a single action by your child could provoke a barrage of abuse from strangers.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

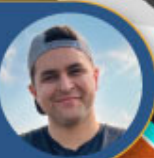
If your child is likely to be tempted by buying that 'must-have' weapon or item, consider removing your bank details from the console or computer to prevent indiscriminate spending – and an unwelcome bill. Pre-paid cards could be an option for in-game purchases, allowing you to control how much your child can spend in advance – and helping them learn the basics of budgeting.

TRY OTHER MODES

If it seems that your child only ever plays Modern Warfare II in multiplayer, you could try out the Spec Ops mode with them – formulating strategies while enjoying each other's company. You could also play multiplayer together, taking it in turns to ensure regular breaks. Another alternative is the game's campaign mode, featuring bespoke missions and scenarios which follow an overarching plot.

Meet Our Expert

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Sources: <https://peginfo.what-do-the-labels-mean/> (<https://www.eurogamer.net/call-of-duty-modern-warfare-accused-of-rewriting-history-to-blame-russia-for-controversial-attacks>)



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