



Hill View Primary School

Reach For The Stars

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School Attendance



Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. During school time we believe pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that brings. Parents or carers of a child have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a suitable education. This is usually achieved through regular attendance at school.

Why is regular attendance so important?

Being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. Among pupils with no missed sessions over Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.

When can my child be absent from school?

When you register your child at school, you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends that school regularly. There are only a small number of circumstances where missing a school day is permitted. This means that your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance

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Coming Up w/c 22nd September

Wednesday 24th – Y4 – Residential & MTC Parent Meeting 3.30pm (Enter via Y3 side gate)
Friday 26th – Y4 Hawking Class Swimming

Reminders

Whole school - Life Bus Payment £4.50 per child online through [Arbor](#) by 9am on Friday 19th September

Year 1 – Upton Country Park Trip. £8 payment on Arbor due by Friday 19th September

Year 3 – Corfe Castle Trip. £14 payment on Arbor due by Friday 26th September

Year 4 – Residential Trip £50 deposit on WisePay due Friday 26th September

Year 6 – Leavers Party £15 deposit & registration form due Friday 12th December

Year 6 – Residential Trip £50 deposit on WisePay due Friday 19th September

Whole School - Hot School Meals (Forerunner)
Please click here for the [Autumn Term Menu](#).
Deadline is midnight on Mondays for the following week.

Pupil Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office:

Tel: 01202 514109

E-mail: office@hillview.bournemouth.sch.uk

If leaving a message or sending an e-mail, please give the child's name & class. We are required to record the **Reason for their absence**. [Please let us know your child's specific symptoms](#) e.g. temperature, cold/flu symptoms, vomiting etc.

Please visit the [NHS website](#) for advice regarding keeping your child away from school if they are unwell.

School Attendance continued....

What do I need to do if my child needs to be absent from school for one of those reasons?

You should contact school as early as possible to explain why. If not, the school office will contact you on the first morning of their absence to find out why.

All parents can request a 'leave of absence' for their child which gives them permission to be absent from school. Leaves of absence must be applied for before your child will be absent and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Your child's headteacher has the final say over whether to approve the request and how long your child can be absent. Their decision will be made after considering the specific facts and circumstances behind your request.

Can I take my child on holiday during term time?

Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid requesting leaves of absence for holidays unless it is unavoidable. As leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely that your child's headteacher will agree a leave of absence for a family holiday. If permission is refused and you keep your child off school on the days requested, you are likely to be committing an offence and be issued a fixed penalty notice or be prosecuted by your local authority.

Where can I get support to help my child attend school?

Children may struggle to attend school for a wide range of reasons. If your child is struggling to attend school, both the school and your local authority also have responsibilities to help you to support your child's attendance. In most cases, if your child's attendance level is falling, the school will contact you to explore the reasons and discuss what help can be put in place to help you overcome the barriers they are facing.

If your child is struggling to attend school, you can expect the school to meet with you and your child if they are old enough. The school will want to understand the reasons for their absence and what support you or they need to overcome the barriers to attendance they are experiencing. If the barriers to your child's attendance are in school – such as they are having friendship problems – the school is responsible for working with you to help overcome the issues.

If the barriers to attendance you or your child are facing go beyond the remit of the school – such as a transport or a mental health issue – both the school and local authority have a responsibility to help you. This includes helping you to access the wider support you might need, for example from the school nursing team or from local housing or transport teams.

As part of the conversations with the school, you will agree a set of joint actions you will all take to help overcome any barriers to attendance. This agreement will often include a commitment to refer or help you to access support services in exchange for an agreement from you to engage and take part in the support offered. They will also arrange mutual convenient times for you to come together to review these and your child's progress. This agreement may take the form of an informal action plan, an early help plan, or a parenting contract – depending on the complexity of the reasons for your child's absence.

Autumn Term Dates for your diary

Whole school

Life Bus: Tuesday 23rd September – Wednesday 1st October ([click for letter](#))

School Photos: Individual and sibling school photos: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th November

Year R

Parent Outcome (to view children's work): Thursday 9th October 2:30pm

Poole Lighthouse Pantomime Trip: Friday 12th December (Details to follow soon)

Nativity Performances: Wednesday 10th December @ 9.15am OR Thursday 11th December @ 2pm. (Details to follow soon)

Year 1

Upton Country Park Trip: Friday 10th October

Home Learning due: Monday 20th October
Click for [child](#) or [parent](#) leaflets

Year 2

Home Learning due: Friday 17th October
Click for [child](#) or [parent](#) leaflets

Parent Outcome: Wednesday 22nd October 2.30pm (Please enter via the Y3 side gate)

Year 3

Corfe Castle Trip: Wednesday 1st October ([click for letter](#))

Home Learning due: Monday 20th October
Click for [child](#) or [parent](#) leaflets

Year 4

MTC & Residential Trip parent Meeting: Wednesday 24th September 3.40pm (Enter via Y3 side gate)

Home Learning due: Friday 17th October
Click for [child](#) or [parent](#) leaflets

Parent Outcome: Thursday 23rd October 2.40pm (Please enter via the Y3 side gate)

Year 5

Home Learning due: Monday 20th October
Click for [child](#) or [parent](#) leaflets

Year 6

Home Learning due: Monday 13th October
Click for [child](#) or [parent](#) leaflets

Parent Outcome: Friday 17th October

INSET Day: Friday 24th October

Half Term holiday:
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Christmas Holiday:
Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

INSET Day:
Monday 5th January 2025

PTFA Update



AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA AGM on Monday night at the Crown pub, we have successfully voted in our new members:

- Chair - Rachel Herring
- Co-Chair - Sam Anderson-Parker
- Secretary - Helen Christmas
- Treasurer - Alistair Paton
- General members: Jen Coulter, Rob Barwell, Nickie Moorley, Veronica Blake, Jo Smith, Sarah Baker

We would like to thank all the new parents and friends who attended and the staff members who gave up their time to attend as well. We would still love more people to be a part of the PTFA, the more volunteers we have, the more events we can run, the more money we can raise! If you have an idea for an event or a way of raising money, we would love to hear it, so please get in contact.

If you run a business and would be interested in sponsoring an event at the school or otherwise supporting the PTFA then we would love to hear from you too! No contribution is too small.

We had a great year of fundraising last year and we would love to carry that on to improve the school environment for all the children to give them a wonderful school experience!

Smart Watches

Please may we remind you that children are not allowed to wear SMART watches in school. A Fitbit or similar gadget that counts steps only is fine, but any smart watch/device that is able to send/receive calls or messages or take photographs is treated the same as a mobile phone, and these are not allowed to be used on the school premises.

Thank you.

Online Safety for Parents

Thursday 9th October 6pm-7.30pm

For parents, carers, and guardians Online (Teams)

This webinar explores online risks and how to take measures to protect children when online.



To book, please visit: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bcp-cst/t-mogaria>

Uniform Preloved & NEW!

We have a wide range of stock available of new Uniform to purchase from us. Please see our updated price list below or by [clicking here](#) to view on the school website.

Hill View Uniform Price List
Available to purchase from the P.T.F.A.

Item	Price
Sweatshirt	£13.00
PE T-Shirt	£8.00
Cardigan	£15.00
Ties	£5.00
Book Bag	£10.00
Polar Fleece	£17.00

Sizes:
 Cardigan: 22" (3-4yrs), 24" (4-5yrs), 26" (5-6yrs), 28" (7-8yrs), 30" (9-10yrs), 32" (11-12yrs), 34" (13yrs), 36" (5 Adult)
 Fleece: 3-4yrs, 5-6yrs, 7-8yrs, 9-10yrs, 11-12yrs, 13yrs
 Sweatshirt: 24" (4-5yrs), 26" (5-6yrs), 28" (7-8yrs), 30" (9-10yrs), 32" (11-12yrs), 34" (13yrs), 36" (5 Adult)
 PE T-Shirt: 3-4yrs, 5-6yrs, 7-8yrs, 9-10yrs, 11-13yrs, 5, M & L

To place orders, please contact us by Email: hillview.ptfa@hotmail.co.uk or our Facebook page: Hill View Primary School P.T.F.A. Cash and Card payment accepted

All profits made from sales go back into the school to benefit all pupils.

We can now send you a link for payment with easy collection from the school office.

We continue to have stock in the main office for pre-loved items. An honesty box is at the reception desk. We only accept cash for pre-loved.

'Pre-Loved' Uniform Price List 2024
Available to purchase from the rail in the school office

Items	Price (Cash)
Book Bags	
PE T-Shirts	
Pinafores	
Shorts (all inc PE)	£1 EACH
Skirts	
Shoes (& Plimsols)	
Summer Dresses	
Ties	
Trousers	
Cardigans / Sweatshirts	£4 EACH
Coats / Fleece	
White Shirts	2 for 50p

Cash Payment: There is an honesty box in the school office

Donations: We are always pleased to receive uniform donations. These can be left under the clothes rail

All profits made from sales go back into the school to benefit all pupils.

Thank you for your support

If you have any clean, good quality items for donating, please leave in a bag under the existing clothes rail. All donations are gratefully received. **Thank you.**

Classlist

If you haven't already done so, please [sign up to Class List](#). This app helps keep track of events and enables you to book tickets and pay for PTFA events.

How to reach us:

- Email: Hillview.ptfa@hotmail.co.uk
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/hillview.primaryptfa/
- Classlist: <https://classlist.page.link/6d9FBeD11FcyAUrC7>

School Census Day

The amount of funding a school receives increases in line with the number of eligible pupils taking a free school meal on Census Day.

To help Hill View Primary receive the full funding that we are entitled to, please order your child a hot school meal on Thursday 2nd October 2025. Our hot school meals provider, Forerunner, will be supplying burgers a special treat for Census Day.

The deadline for ordering online through [Forerunner](#) will be **midnight on Monday 29th September**.

Thank you for your support.

CENSUS DAY!

Choose from

- M** Beef Burger DE
- V** Veggie Burger DE
- JP** Cheese

Served With Salad

Thursday 2nd October

FORERUNNER
MORE THAN JUST A MEAL
WWW.HOTMEALSONWHEELS.COM

Recommended Read Book of the week (Y4)



The Demon Headmaster – Gillian Cross

When Dinah is fostered by the Hunters she thinks her biggest problem will be fitting in with her foster-brothers, Lloyd and Harvey. However, once she starts at her new school it's clear that there's more to worry about. All the children, apart from a handful including Lloyd and Harvey, are too well-behaved - robotic almost - and oddly keen to please the creepy headmaster. The three children set out to discover the nature of his influence over everyone . . . but then Dinah finds herself saying and doing things she has no power over. Soon they uncover the headmaster's wicked plan.



This week's WIZARDS



- YR – Freddie P
- YR – Olivia D
- YR – Bodhi M
- Y1 – Everly B
- Y1 – Julia S
- Y2 – Poppy C
- Y2 – Sienna E
- Y2 – Zara D
- Y3 – Ronnie R
- Y3 – Ellis W
- Y3 – Alisha S
- Y4 – Lennon C
- Y4 – Evie R
- Y4 – Sidney W
- Y5 – Mia S
- Y5 – Olivia R
- Y5 – Jaiden W
- Y6 – Tala J
- Y6 – Maia F



Attendance Cup Winners

(W/C 15th September)



YR - **CARLE** 98.9%



KS1 – **VAN GOGH** 97.3%

Lower KS2 – HAWKING 99.3%

Upper KS2 – **CASSIDY 98.7%**



Harmony through family change

Free six week wellbeing and mindfulness sessions provided by **Universal Mindfulness** for families experiencing separation or divorce.

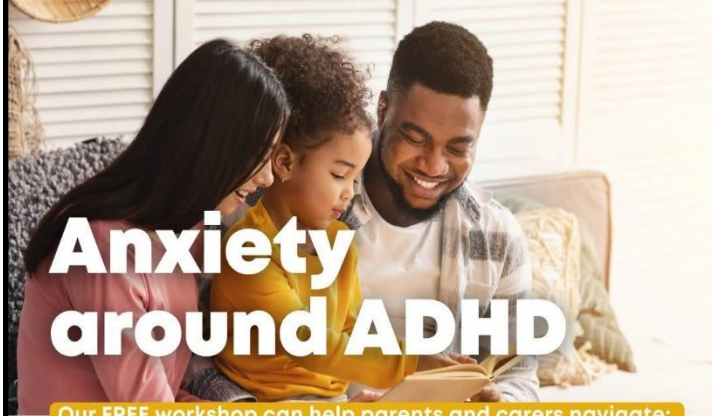
These sessions offer a safe and supportive space for children to explore emotions, build resilience and self esteem. Learn healthy habits to help their wellbeing through arts, crafts, cooking, yoga, meditation and dinner.



universalmindfulness.co.uk

- Dates / times**
- **Wednesdays** 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 Nov
3 | 10 Dec
 - Primary aged children** 5.30-7pm
 - Secondary aged children** 7.05-8.35pm
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- **Saturdays Parents' sessions** 8 | 29 Nov
10am-12.30pm
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- **Castlepoint Library** Bournemouth BH8 9UW

Townsend Family Hub
Jewell Road, Bournemouth BH8 0LT



Anxiety around ADHD

Our **FREE** workshop can help parents and carers navigate:

- What is ADHD
- Understanding why a child with ADHD may also have anxiety
- Explore strategies to help support you and your child
- Signposting to other support that is available

 **Tuesday 30 September 2025, 9.30am - 11.30am**
Thursday 2 October 2025, 7.00pm - 9.00pm
 Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call **020 4522 8701**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan the QR code to use our online referral form or use this link in your browser www.tinyurl.com/FLADHDAnxiety

www.familylives.org.uk



NEW course alert



Challenging behaviour in teens
FREE online parenting course

Modules on this course:

- Defiant behaviour
- Aggression and violent behaviour
- Communication and setting boundaries
- Looking after yourself and strengthening the bonds

Sign up today and work at your own pace

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BCP Council are trying to recruit an additional relief School Crossing Patroller, to help support our Bournemouth schools.

While BCP have confirmed that Hill View Primary will remain without a School Crossing Patroller, some of our children's route to school could still encompass a School Crossing Patroller.

If you or anyone else you know might be interested in this position, i.e. grandparents, friends, colleagues, neighbours etc, please find more information here:

[Relief School Crossing Patrol Officer - Term time only | 03 October, 2025 | Jobs and careers with BCP Council](#)

If you wish to discuss the position before applying, please contact Kate Narby at BCP Council

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