

Tuesday 9 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, this year is an extremely important one for our new Year 6 pupils. So far, they have shown a real commitment to their learning and we are so proud of their attitude and effort. Over the coming weeks, we will be working with the children to support them in preparing for their SATs.

As stated in my previous correspondence, attendance in school is one of the key indicators for success. Unfortunately, when we analyse the information for the 2023/2024 academic year, our Year 6 cohort has fallen significantly behind the rest of the school and our attendance expectations. Currently, attendance for Year 6 is 92.6%, compared to our target of 96%. What is even more worrying is that almost a third (30.1%) of our Year 6 pupils are currently classed as 'Persistently absent' (PA). This means they have an attendance below 90%.

The above information is extremely concerning with regards to the amount of lost learning already in this pivotal year group and particularly in light of the preparations that need to take place for their end of key stage assessments.

In line with our attendance policy and procedures, I will be contacting parents to discuss attendance patterns and how we can support with improving pupil attendance quickly.

As promised, our Year 6 SATs boosters will begin on Monday 15th January. In recent years, these sessions have proved enjoyable and successful in supporting our Year 6 pupils and we are looking forward to running the booster club again. Below is a reminder of all the details:

Time: 8:00am

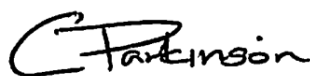
Location: Year 6 Classroom

Breakfast Provided: We understand the importance of a nutritious start to the day. Therefore, we will be providing breakfast for the children attending the Year 6 SATS Revision Club.

Siblings Attending Willow Green: For those children who have siblings attending Willow Green, our regular breakfast club will be available to them free of charge. However, there will be a nominal charge of £2 if the sibling(s) require breakfast during the SATS revision club period.

Post-Revision Club: Once the revision club has concluded, our regular breakfast club will resume at the normal rate for all attendees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C Parkinson'.

Mr Parkinson
Head of Academy
Willow Green Academy