



**Airedale
Infant Academy**

Attendance Newsletter Summer Term 1



**Airedale
Junior Academy**

Headteacher Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for our summer term, I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. I am pleased to share with you our **new attendance newsletter**. Here we will keep you updated with our academies attendance matters.

Mrs K McKechnie

Attendance Re-Launch

Every Pupil, Every Day

I am delighted to share that we are in the process of re-designing and updating our attendance strategy. Our new ethos of *Every Pupil, Every Day* will replace “>More Than Club”. Further details will follow shortly but please keep your eyes peeled in school, on social media and on our website for information on our exciting changes.

Term Time Holidays

Recently, we have received an increased number of absence requests for Term Time Holidays.

Castleford Academy Trust does not support parents/carers taking their children out of the academies for holidays.

The Department for Education updated the statutory guidance for attendance on the 19th August 2024, this included a number of changes regarding term time holidays such as changes to the penalty notice processes.

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless their are exceptional circumstances. Examples of exceptional circumstances include service personnel (Military) who are prevented from taking leave of absence outside term time, or the terminal illness or bereavement of a parent/carer or sibling.

Requests for leave of absence will be looked at on a case-by-case basis; however, absences outside the scope of exceptional circumstances will not be authorised and may be referred to the Education Welfare Service for consideration of issue of a Penalty Notice.

Staff Update



**Ms Till
Attendance and
Inclusion Officer**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Attendance and Inclusion Officer - Ms Till.

Ms Till joined our staff team at the end of last term and is working with Mrs Wells and Miss Emery at both Airedale Infant and Airedale Junior Academies.

Ms Till has extensive knowledge of school attendance having worked in both primary and secondary education from 2018.

Ms Till will be a visible presence on our playground during morning drop-off & home collection as often as she can and is looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Contact Details

Our Attendance and Inclusion Team can be contacted by either academy telephone numbers - 01977 519281 or 01977 556946 by selecting option 1 and by email on

AIS-AJS-Attendance@aja.castlefordtrust.co.uk

When reporting pupil absences, please leave a voicemail if your call is not answered and we will return your call if we need any further information. Please can we request that pupil absences are not reported to administration staff in the main offices. Thank you.