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Newsletter - 30th September 2025



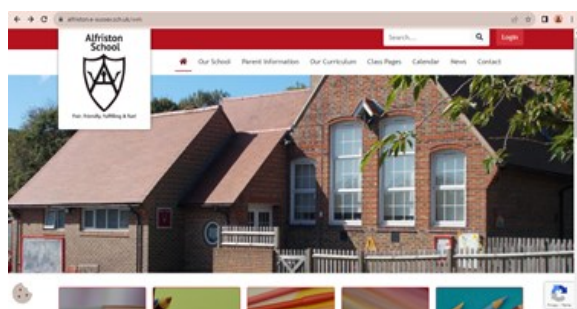
New Pearl Class

The new Pearl Class children are settling in to school really well, are enjoying their learning and are making new friends.



Class Learning

Information about your child's learning can be found on the class pages of the school website https://www.alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk/web/class_pages/54918



Our website also includes lots of other useful information including a calendar of events and will continue to be updated.

Flower Walk

Ruby Class enjoyed a walk around the rec and local area on a flower walk. Armed with an identification chart and flower spotter, the children became scientists who carefully observed the plants around them, discussing if they were garden plants or wild plants.

All of the children were actively engaged, shared their 'blooming' knowledge of plants and drew from their learning in class. It was a great first trip to start off the year!



Contacting the School

If you have any questions or information to share with us relating to your child's **class work** or **friendships**, then please email your child's class teacher. Class emails are checked after school every day. For all other queries or questions please contact the school office, they are always there to help.

Pearl Class - pearl@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk

Ruby Class - ruby@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk

Sapphire Class - sapphire@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk

Emerald Class - emerald@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk

School office - office@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk

Telephone number: 01323 870203

Home Learning

We set Home Learning for all age groups through Google Classroom.

If you don't have your child's login details please contact the school office.

Important Reminders

We are still finding a lot of uniform that has not been named. Please ensure all uniform items are named to enable us to reunite them with their owner.

Safeguarding Team



Lindsey Hudson
Designated Safeguarding Lead
(DSL)

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, you can contact Lindsey Hudson, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Tanya Fitzgerald, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) through the school office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222.



Tanya Fitzgerald
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

School Attendance

We would like to remind you of The Department for Education statutory guidance for attendance called 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance'. This came into effect last year. It details what schools, parents and Local Authorities should do to improve pupils' attendance at school.

Schools are legally obliged to provide support and intervention for pupils who are at risk of persistent absence (90% attendance or below). This will take the form of meetings with parents, school-based interventions, and the offer of support from outside agencies and professionals.

Schools are very keen to identify the barriers to attendance that families face and will welcome opportunities to overcome these barriers together. However, when a child's attendance falls outside of the parental legal obligations to send their child to school, there are legal pathways that must be followed.

Penalty Notices:

Term Time Leave

If a pupil takes unauthorised term time leave of ten sessions or more, within 10 school weeks, they will be subject to a penalty notice. The fine for a penalty notice is £80 per parent, per child.

This increases to £160 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

If a penalty notice remains unpaid, parents may be the subject of court proceedings for failing to ensure the regular school attendance of their child and this could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to 3 months, per parent.

For second offences of unauthorised term time leave within a three-year rolling period, the fine is a flat £160 per parent, per child.

For the third offence in a three-year rolling period, the referral will be automatically considered for prosecution in relation to Section 444 Education Act 1996.

The three-year rolling period begins from the date the first PN fine is issued to the parent.

Irregular School Attendance Over Time

If a parent is willing to support their child and the school in improving school attendance, and engage with school to achieve this, an 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review Plan (APDR)' will be offered. This is a way of school and parents working together to improve attendance in a supportive way.

Having an APDR in place will mean regular meetings to identify any barriers to a pupil's attendance and discuss what support can be put in place to overcome those barriers.

If these attempts at support fail, and a pupil's attendance continues to be a concern, the school will consider next steps, including the use of the penalty notice pathway.

Requests for Absence

We believe every school day counts to give your child the greatest opportunity of attaining a good education and to support a happy and healthy future, and would strongly discourage term time leave being taken. Should you wish to make an absence request, this should be done by completing a 'withdrawal from learning application' prior to any absence. Headteachers may only authorise absence that they consider to be an unavoidable and exceptional circumstance.

The school will reply to parents to advise them whether the absence will be authorised or not.