

# Clifford Holroyde Specialist SEN College



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July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone for their hard work this busy Summer term. Parents, carers, staff, governors and all stakeholders that have all helped to make this term a success.

Special mention must go to the staff who are leaving us this summer for new challenges or retirement. Ms Laura Nolan leaves us after a short stint in Skills Base. Ms Natalie Begley leaves the school office for a new school adventure. Mr Callum Smyth changes career path and moves away from education. Ms Josie Stephens continues her educational career path as she begins teacher training. We say an emotional farewell to Mr Ian Peach after his 42 years of service! WOW! He has been here at 'Clifford Holroyde' as Site Manager for all 28 years of the school's existence on this site. Previously he was here on our Thingwall Lane site under another school name. We wish him many happy years of retirement and thank him the many replaced lightbulbs, fixed doors, furniture repairs, fire drills, deliveries, cleaning up mess and gritting of the site (he has done lots of other things – too many to list!). 42 years – WOW! And thank you.

Our support projects in school are continuing to help our pupils and impact their progress. ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support, Mentoring, SAFE - Support, Attend, Fulfil, Exceed and The Thrive approach. We are really starting to see the impression that these activities are having upon social, emotional, mental health and academic learning.

During this summer term, Swimming lessons have continued and PE lessons have been taking place off site at various different locations. Pupils have been transported in the minibus to different venues for climbing, walking, hockey, cricket and rounders. We look forward to the return of the gym in September and pupils will benefit from having PE take place on site.

Key Stage 4 pupils have successfully completed external examinations in Entry Level, Functional Skills and GCSE examinations. Pupils showed great determination and resilience as they completed our largest ever number of exams! Once completed, we invited our Year 11 pupils to their "Graduation Ceremony" in school where we celebrated their time at Clifford Holroyde. Staff and families shared many happy memories, photographs, certificates, prizes, stories, awards and a refreshment or two. Thank you to all staff, parents and carers who made this event so special for our "Year 11 Graduates".

Enrichment trips, competitions, weekly rewards and sporting trips have filled our days this term and each class has enjoyed and end of year treat to a restaurant, theme park or ice-skating rink!



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
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Reading continues to be a huge focus and focal point for all our pupils with weekly reading lesson, termly testing and individual intervention booster sessions. 'Literacy targets' are used across all subjects and we look forward to continue our Reading strategy in September.

'Induction days' went with a bang! as we welcomed our 'new recruits' for September. We had 3 days where pupils were asked to join us. The pupils had a great start to life at Clifford with food technology, team building, games, design technology, Science, Thrive and ELSA sessions. We look forward to the pupils settling into daily routines with us in September.

In July and August, we will engage with a summer holiday programme of repairs and upgrade works at school including replacement of heating boilers, computer upgrades and the long-awaited gym floor replacement!

Should any pupils require mental health support over the summer holidays, there are a range of services available:

- **Liverpool CAMHS crisis team** are available 24/7 at Alder Hey and are contactable on 0151 293 3577 or 0808 196 3550. They have a free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service. To start a conversation text the word SHOUT to 85258.
- **Childline**: call them on 0800 1111 or:  
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/>
- **Samaritans**: call them on 116 123 or:  
<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>
- **Kooth** provides online, free and confidential counselling: <https://www.kooth.com/>
- **Young Minds Crisis Messenger** - provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK mental health crisis - If you need urgent help text YM to 85258.
- **Papyrus** provides support for any young people experiencing suicidal thoughts or ideation. HOPE line UK; 0800 068 4141. <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

Can I take this opportunity to wish all the pupils and their parents / carers a very happy and safe summer holiday. Next academic year, please can you ensure that your child is present every day possible and is dressed in full school uniform. Please be aware of the changing National Framework for Penalty Notices – School Absences (copy enclosed).

***" Together we ACHIEVE our best "***

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Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher.

Enquiries to: School Holiday Activities and Food

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Date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Summer HAF programme starts on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, 1 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access nurseries or activities throughout the Summer holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **zorbing, garden fun, bubble football, nerf wars, mindfulness, swimming, football, music, dance, cycling, gymnastics, theatre tech, cooking, discos, podcasting, arts and crafts, drama, basketball, trips out and nature walks!** A meal will be provided for every child attending.

We have introduced a new central booking system to make it easier for you to find and book the activities. You can find out where your nearest scheme is by clicking on this link <https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf> which will take you to the Liverpool HAF page and the easy to fill in booking system. You can search by age, provider or date. There is a handy booking help video here - [How to make a booking](#)

- ☒ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- ☒ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Summer HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

*Sally Dobbing*

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Holiday Activities and Food Project Manager

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: National Framework for Penalty Notices - School Absence**

I am writing to inform you of changes the Government will implement from 19 August 2024 concerning unauthorised absences from school. It is important that you take a few minutes to read this letter so that you understand what the changes are.

Parents can already be issued with a penalty notice by the local authority for their child's non-attendance at school. From the 19 August 2024, the Government will standardise the process for penalty notices. All local authorities must follow the national requirements.

From the 19 August 2024:

- Penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school are increasing from £120 to £160 per child, per parent. The amount will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A parent may be issued with a penalty notice if their child's absence is unauthorised, and they miss 10 sessions within a rolling period of 10 weeks. Ten sessions are usually the same as 5 school days. The 10 weeks may span different terms or school years. For example, two unauthorised absences in the summer term and eight unauthorised absences in the autumn term.
- A penalty notice may also be issued, after consideration of all the information, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below threshold or repeated absence for birthdays or other family events. This is a discretionary power that is included with the code.
- The changes apply to any unauthorised absence taken from the start of the new academic year. For example, a holiday in term time which has a start date after the 19 August 2024.
- If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, the penalty notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160. There is no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.

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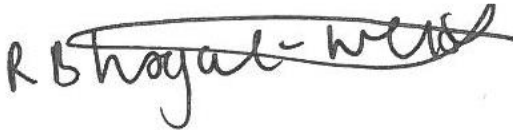
- The Government has set a national limit of two penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period.
- If the national limit of two penalty notices has been met, or exceeded, the local authority must consider the use of another tool to improve attendance. For example, prosecution or another attendance legal intervention.

The local penalty notice code of conduct will be published on Liverpool City Council's website and has been drawn up in consultation with headteachers and governing bodies of state funded school and Merseyside Police Force.

The Council believe good attendance is essential to support your child in getting the most out of their education and we thank you for your continued support.

If you have any queries regarding the changes to the penalty notice process for school attendance, please contact the EWS helpline on 0151 233-3916 or email [ewshelpline@si.liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:ewshelpline@si.liverpool.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully



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