

SAFEGUARDING NEWS



Unsworth
Primary School

SPRING TERM 2026

Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs S Watt
Assistant Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs J Grundy
Headteacher
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs T Ali
Assistant Headteacher
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs S Channon
Parent Support Officer
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Attendance this year

Reception	97.2%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	96.8%
LinC	94.4%
Whole school	96.3%
Expected attendance	96%



Our attendance policy is on our school website if you wish to explore further.

Punctuality

Classroom doors open at 8.50am, and the gate to the playground closes at 9am. Children coming to school after this time are late and must enter through the school office, and be signed in by a parent. This is a slight tweak to previous procedures, but has been put in place to tighten our safeguarding procedures.

Being in school by 9am ensures children are being taught the full extent of the curriculum, with the start of the day being used across school to review prior learning, offer additional support for reading, and to settle the children into the school day. If your child is regularly late, they will be missing this vital element of the day and might be at risk of struggling to understand other elements of the curriculum.

PLEASE LET US KNOW if your child is going to be absent from school. Contact us via phone or email, or by visiting the office.

Tel: 0161 766 4876

Email: enquiries@unsworth.oaklp.co.uk





Term Time Holidays

We are unable to authorise term time holidays, but we appreciate you letting us know if you are going away by emailing the office at enquiries@unsworth.oaklp.co.uk.

If you have a special event, such as a wedding and your child will be absent, there are extenuating circumstances that mean we may be able to authorise the absence. Again, please email us so we are aware.

We will always respond to these requests in writing so you are clear as to how your child will be marked in the register.

We appreciate you working in partnership with us on this matter.

Attendance matters

Did you know that penalty notice fines can be issued by the local authority when there has been 10 unauthorised absences within a 10 week period?

Please work with us by ensuring regular communication, providing medical evidence for absences and avoiding term time holidays.

We are here to help

Please know that we are here to help your child reach their full potential, as well as enjoy their time at school. Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling school experience so we actively work towards supporting children and families to promote attendance and punctuality.

Online Safety

Online safety is part of our SCARF curriculum, as well as being taught annually in computing, and touched on in assemblies and during the annual Online Safety Week.



We will be sharing more information and resources over the coming weeks, but we ask you to ensure you are regularly checking your child's online usage, and that apps and games they use are age appropriate.

We are aware of children being in Whatsapp groups, but want to highlight that the minimum age to use this app in the UK is 13 years old.



Medicine in School

A reminder that if your child needs medication administered during the school day, it needs to be signed in at the school office with the prescription label clearly on display so we can ensure the right dosage is being given.

