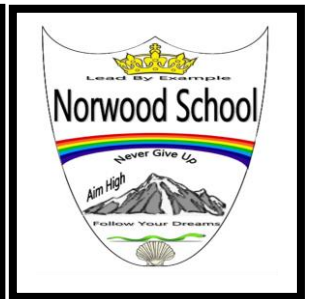


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Reception Class

We welcome our Reception children and new families to Norwood. Well done to all our wonderful Reception pupils who have settled in nicely to Norwood School and are now with us on a full time basis. Please could we remind our Reception parents/carers about the workshops taking place in school. Please go onto our school website www.norwood-school.co.uk for dates and times of these workshops.

Norwood Website

Please visit our website www.norwood-school.co.uk for copies of all letters, diary dates, news updates and photographs of events.

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6 it is time to start thinking about your choice of Secondary School. Applications for Secondary School need to be submitted online at www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions by **31st October 2015**.

Attendance Update

Norwood Primary School aims to work together with our parents/carers to ensure that all children registered at the school attend both regularly and punctually. We value every child as an individual and believe that every child has an entitlement to education, enabling them to achieve their full potential. As of September 2015 Penalty Notices can be issued by Peterborough Local Authority for any of the following;

- The pupil attendance levels reach 90% or below and at least 8 sessions of unauthorised absence within an 8 week period (up to 3 penalty notices may be issued in any academic year).

- Persistent late arrival at school after the register has closed contributing to a level of 90% or below.
- Leave of absence in term time which has not been authorised by the school.
- Not remaining within the dates agreed for any authorised leave of absence.

A letter with detailed information will be sent out from Gary Perkins- Head of School Improvement for Peterborough City Council.

Start of the School Day

At the start of the day we open our doors at 8.45am. The children then need to go straight into class. The doors then close at 8.55am in order for the attendance register to be taken promptly at 9.00am.

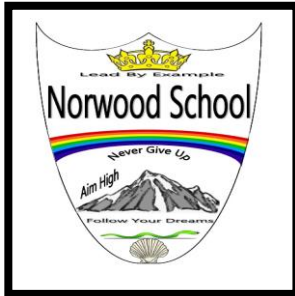
Please do not arrive on site before 8.40am or before 3.05pm and at no time should children be left unattended on the school premises before the doors open. There should be no playing of any ball games on the playground or using the trim trail before going into school.

Pupils who are late for the beginning of the school day (i.e. after doors close at 8.55am) should be taken to the school office and signed in by an adult.

If the lateness is due to an appointment for medical reasons, please provide the school office with the appointment card/letter.

Absence Reporting

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please contact school on 574717 by 9.00am to let us know on the first day of absence. There is an answer machine on which you can leave a message if no-one in the office is available to take your call.

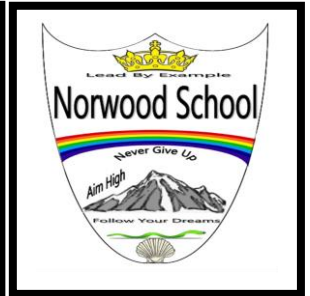


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Please remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must be kept off school for a minimum of 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Pedestrian Gate Entrances

Please can we remind you that during the school hours 9.00am-3.00pm, the Elter Walk gate which is opposite the school office is the only pedestrian entrance that is open for parents/carers and visitors to access school site.

Parking

May we please remind you to park considerately and sensibly especially on Coniston Road. We have received numerous complaints from residents/parents about cars being parked on the path, therefore restricting pedestrians access to the pathway.

We have passed these concerns onto Peterborough City Council who will work with traffic enforcement to address this.

Dogs

Please can we inform you that dogs are **not** permitted on school site. Please refrain from securing dogs onto the school gates.

School Uniform

Please visit www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk for everything your child needs for school.

Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest Festival learning we will again be supporting Peterborough Foodbank. Please can we ask for any donations of non-perishable, in date and undamaged food items to be in school by **Monday 12th October 2015**. Examples of items to be donated are: soup, pasta sauces, tinned food, cereals, tea bags/instant coffee, jam, biscuits or snack bars.

Individual and Family Photographs

On **Monday 19th October 2015** we will have a visit from the school photographer who will be taking both family and individual photographs. Any families with pre-school children who would like a group photograph are invited to arrive at the community room door (accessed via the library) at 8.30am. Please understand that you are under no obligation to purchase them upon delivery. Class and sports team photographs will be taken later in the academic school year.

Consultation Evenings

Our Autumn Term consultation evenings will be taking place on

- **Tuesday 3rd November 2015**
- **Wednesday 4th November 2015**

More Information will follow regarding booking appointments. Please be aware that Art Club will be cancelled on **Tuesday 3rd November 2015**.

Term Dates 2015-2016

	Autumn Term
Half Term	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October 2015
Term Finishes	Friday 18 th December 2015
	Spring Term
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January 2016
Half Term	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February 2016
Term Finishes	Wednesday 23 rd March 2016
	Summer Term
Term Starts	Tuesday 12 th April 2016
May Day	Monday 2 nd May 2016
Half Term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2016
Term Finishes	Friday 22 nd July 2016