

1 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Urgent Notice: Legal Consequences of Poor School Attendance

Over recent years, the government has taken increasingly firm steps to address the rising issue of pupil absence, reinforcing the expectation that every child must attend school regularly. As a school, we fully support this national priority and remain committed to ensuring that all pupils access the education they are legally entitled to.

In line with government guidance, all schools are legally required to escalate attendance concerns when pupils are missing time from school, whether through unauthorised absence or without a valid reason. Where concerns reach this threshold, schools must refer families to the Local Authority's Education Legal Intervention Team, which has the power to issue fines, initiate legal proceedings, and take enforcement action to protect a child's right to education.

It is important that our school community is aware of the serious action being taken. Outlined below are some of the legal interventions that have already been implemented:

Legal Actions Taken:

- Family 1: **£1,163.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£2,326.00** total for the family
- Family 2: **£1,009.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£2,018.00** total per family
- Family 3: **£1,000.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£2,000.00** total per family
- Family 4: **£741.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,482.00** total per family
- Family 5: **£701.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,402.00** total per family
- Family 6: **£701.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,402.00** total per family
- Family 7: **£701.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,402.00** total per family
- Family 8: **£616.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,232.00** total per family
- **75 families** have received a **£120.00** fine per parent (totalling **£240.00** per family) for taking leave during term time (holiday)
- **17 families** have been issued court papers related to school attendance and are currently awaiting a court date.
- In one case, a family had **enforcement officers (bailiffs) remove items from their home due to an unpaid fine** relating to school attendance.

We are committed to working in partnership with you and your family to prevent matters from escalating to this level. However, this requires your full cooperation: unnecessary absence cannot be tolerated, and it is essential that you do everything possible to secure positive change in your child's attendance.

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To support families in making informed decisions regarding their child's attendance, we encourage you to refer to the attached document: Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Support for Families:

We understand that there may be underlying reasons affecting school attendance, and we are committed to working with families to remove barriers to learning. In our letter dated **8 September 2025**, we outlined the various support services available at Turves Green Boys' School, including:

- **Attendance Manager**
- **School Social Worker**
- **Mental Health Support Worker**
- **Wellbeing Intervention Lead**

If you need assistance or wish to discuss your child's attendance further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's **Head of House** or **Mrs Sanders, our Attendance Manager**:

- **Austin House** – Mr S Brennan: sbrennan@tgbs.co.uk
- **Boulton House** – Mr D Stafford: dstafford@tgbs.co.uk
- **Tolkien House** – Mr J Kelley: jkelley@tgbs.co.uk
- **Attendance Manager** – Mrs L Sanders: lsanders@tgbs.co.uk

We appreciate your cooperation with this important matter. At Turves Green Boys' School, we are dedicated to working in partnership with families to support every pupil in reaching their full potential.



Mr J Till
Headteacher



Mr T Walker
Head of School

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



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Support for Families through Early Help

At Turves Green Boys' School, we have a range of key staff with expertise in supporting pupils and their families. Miss Brooker, our School Social Worker, works closely with families and external agencies to provide guidance and support with any challenges you may be facing.

The attached flyer outlines the support available through Early Help.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Brooker using the details provided. Should you feel, this support would be beneficial, she will be happy to arrange a date and time to complete an Early Help assessment.

EARLY HELP

AT TURVES GREEN BOYS' SCHOOL

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES



What is Early Help?
Early Help means taking action to support a child, young person or their family as soon as a problem emerges.
• Can happen at any stage in a child's life – from pre-birth to young adulthood.
• For all children and young people, whatever the need.
• Supports families with any problem they cannot deal with alone.
Early Help is about getting the right support, from the right people, at the right time.

Why is Early Help important?
✓ Provides support before problems get worse
✓ Helps different professionals work together
✓ Reduces the need for specialist or statutory services (unless absolutely necessary)
Early Help can be simple advice and guidance, practical support, or more intensive help in complex situations.

What does Early Help look like?
• Friendly, supportive conversations about your child's needs
• Working with health, education, social care or community services
• Using the Signs of Safety and Wellbeing Framework:
➔ What's going well?
➔ What are the worries?
➔ What needs to happen next?
• An Early Help Assessment & Family Plan so everyone knows what support is in place

If you feel your family would benefit from support, please contact:
Miss Brooker
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Help for all families in Birmingham



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Hall Green Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk 07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)	Selly Oak EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com 0121 441 4556
Hodge Hill EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk 07976 199894	Sutton Coldfield SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org 0121 752 1860
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