

## Summer term 2024



## review

2023-24 Whole school attendance (September 23- July 24) = **96.9%**

Whole School Summer term attendance = **97.1%**

Summer term attendance target = **+97.1%**

**Summer term attendance by year group – Congratulations to Year 3 (Dusseldorf) who recorded the highest attendance**

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.3%	96.2%	96.4%	97.4%	96.3%	95.2%	96.3%

**Congratulations to our 100% Attendance Club for 2023-2024**

Anna Parkinson, Noah Woodruff, Amelie Wallace and Finley Ingram

**Term 2 & 3 2024**

Samyon Rai

**Term 3 2024**

Delilah and George Baldwin and Melissa Budhathoki

## **Our new DCS Education Welfare Officer (EWO) – Attendance**



Defence Children's Services (DCS) offer several services to MOD families one of which is Education Welfare. My name is **Jane Kelly**, and I am Attenborough School's Education Welfare Officer (EWO). I also cover Rest of World Schools both MOD and our Host Nation providers.

As a non-teaching professional working within the education system, my role as an Education Welfare Officer is to safeguard and promote the well-being of students, ensuring they have access to a safe and supportive learning environment. I work closely with Headteachers, parents, and other professionals to identify and address any barriers to a student's education, such as attendance issues, relating to welfare

and engagement.

I commenced working for Defence Children's Services at the end of January 2023. I have a broad background of knowledge and experience in childcare, education, and training. Working with children, young people and families has always been an integral part of all my roles undertaken within my employment history. I have over 15 years' experience in Education Welfare management and most recently I have worked as an Education Welfare Officer for a Local Authority in England before moving over to the MOD.

I was born in England and raised in Australia. I returned to England on a working holiday in my early 20's where I met my husband of 30 years! We have two children aged 21 and 18 years old.

I can certainly relate to the journey family life takes you on and navigating this terrain can be incredibly rewarding but bumpy at times. I do not profess to have all the answers, and I would like to think that I approach life as a journey not a problem to be solved. My collaborative approach has helped navigate those challenging times. I am very much looking forward to getting to know many of you over the coming months. My door is always open. If you have any questions, you can contact our service directly at [RC-DCS-HQ-WSW@mod.gov.uk](mailto:RC-DCS-HQ-WSW@mod.gov.uk).

## Update on DCS Attendance Directive 3.2.6

(Exceptional term time leave – hospital appointments – update for 2024-25 **in red below**)

Valid reasons for authorised absence are:

- a. Illness and medical/dental appointments. *(to comply with termly DCS Attendance Reviews, to gain authorised approval – please can parents now also provide confirmation of hospital appointments when completing authorised absence requests for criteria a)*
- b. Religious observance – where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil's parents belong. If necessary, the school will seek advice from the parents' religious body to confirm whether the day is set apart.
- c. Post Operational Leave.
- d. Family terminal illness, bereavement or significant event.

**\*Family holidays are not justified reasons for authorised absence during term time and will be registered as unauthorised absence.** Exception: when in year amendments to the school's published academic calendar are made.

**\*POL and Exceptional Leave request forms can be collected from the Main Office.** They are also available via DCS Attendance Directive 3.2.6 on our website (Annex B and C).

Please note that DCS Attendance Directive 3.2.6 will be reviewed in November – updated versions of the directive will be communicated to all parents and shared on our website. In addition, significant changes will be highlighted in future Attendance Matters termly updates.

## Our school's continued attendance success

At the DCS term 3 Attendance Review, it was confirmed that for academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, Attenborough School achieved the highest attendance across all DCS Schools and Settings. I wished to say a huge well done and thank you to all families (parents and children) for your sustained commitment to, and support with, school attendance.



2022-2023



2023-2024



*We care about each other, learning and our school*

## **School Calendar 2024/25**

### **Autumn Term 2024**

First Day of Term	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 <b>(1315hrs finish)</b>

### **Spring Term 2025**

First Day of Term	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Last day of Term	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 <b>(1315hrs finish)</b>

### **Summer Term 2025**

First Day of Term	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>UK May Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (School closed)</b>
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Last Day of Term	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 <b>(1315hrs finish)</b>

### **Attenborough School closure days due to professional learning**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**