

3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this week, the decision to close school due to strikes is a very difficult one. I am aware that the Government and unions are in talks to try to resolve the national issues the teaching profession face.

Please know that the day's absence will not affect your child's overall attendance rate. I know many of you are working for 100% attendance are entering the food hamper raffle!

Parent Behaviour

Please can I remind you of our expectations about how we speak to staff, every day we teach your child(ren) the value of respect, my team and I expect the same in return.

Fines due to leave of absence

Many of you have received fines due to unauthorized leave of absence, this is taking your child out of school during term time. Please can I remind you that this is a statutory duty of all head teachers, it is an expectation from the Local Authority and Department for Education. Application for exceptional circumstances is rare and very infrequently applied.

I urge you to please consider before booking flights and travelling within term time. The money does not come to Hovingham, but is a debt to the Local Authority and Government, as it is their rules you are breaking.

School improvement

As a school, we have travelled a long way in improving our curriculum and behaviour, and an area which OFSTED have asked us to work on. We have been working on our Science, History, Geography and ICT curriculum. We are holding a parent event, in March, where your children will show their work in these areas.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs. Halliday
Principal

