

Padnell Junior School



Padnell Road. PO8 8EA
Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Luker BA Hons, PGCE

Telephone: (023) 92252 752
Email: adminoffice@padnell-jun.hants.sch.uk
Website: www.padnell-jun.hants.sch.uk

Padnell Infant School



Padnell Avenue. PO8 8DS
Headteacher: Mrs Mandy Grayson BA Hons

Telephone: (023) 9226 3784
E-mail: admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk
Website: www.padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk

8th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write to clarify the current situation regarding absence requests from school.

Following the high profile court case 'Isle of Wight v Platt' during which Mr Platt lost his appeal we have received guidance from Hampshire County Council for unauthorised non-attendance at school.

The Supreme Court unanimously agreed – that no child should be taken out of school without good reason. As before, Headteachers have the ability to decide when exceptional circumstances allow for a child to be absent. Exceptional circumstances could include a family break following a major trauma, a bereavement or one off celebration event that could not take place outside of the school term.

Therefore, both the Padnell schools will follow Hampshire's Code of Conduct which states that a penalty notice can be issued when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 100 day period. Ultimately, a 1 week holiday will result in a penalty notice being served. Please remember that regulation states that this is to both parents and for all children.

We trust this clarifies the situation for you and thank you for your support and understanding of this situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Luker
Headteacher – Padnell Juniors

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher – Padnell Infants