

MESSAGE FROM MRS HORN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! A very warm welcome to all our new families joining Mount Street — it has been a pleasure seeing so many of you at the gates this week as we settle back into our routines in both familiar and new classrooms.

We are delighted that you have chosen Mount Street as the starting point for your child's educational journey. The early years are a crucial time in a child's development, where many core skills are introduced and practised. These foundational skills pave the way for deeper and more complex learning as children grow.

At Mount Street, we offer a rich and engaging curriculum, and we are committed to sharing your child's learning journey with you throughout the year. You'll be invited to take part in various activities and events that celebrate and support your child's progress.

Our fortnightly newsletter is an important way we stay connected with you — it includes updates, celebrations, and key dates you may wish to add to your calendar. Please also ensure you download the **MCAS App**, our main communication tool (details below).

I'm very much looking forward to working with you all this year and continuing to build strong partnerships between home and school.

Warm regards,

Mrs Horn, Headteacher

SCHOOL START/FINISH TIMES

School opens at **8.45am** and finishes at **3.15pm** (32.5 hours per week).

Children are expected to arrive in school in good time (8.45am-9.05am). The gates close promptly at 9.05am. Children who arrive after this time will need to report to the school office, morning registration closes at 9.10am.

NURSERY TIMES

Nursery hours run alongside the school opening hours, meaning it is open between 9am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday, **term time only**. We offer the following sessions:

Session	Times
Morning Nursery	Every morning from 9am to 12pm
Afternoon Nursery	Every afternoon from 12.15pm to 3.15pm
Full day (funded hours plus lunchtime supervision)	Monday - Friday from 9am to 3.15pm

ABSENSE

We take absence from school seriously here at Mount Street. The Academy acknowledges that regular and punctual attendance is both a legal requirement and essential for students to maximise their educational opportunities. Under the Education Act, parents/carers are committing an offence if they fail to ensure their child's regular school attendance, therefore you may be liable to pay a Fixed Penalty Notice (Fine).

Here are some useful pieces of information that may help:

Coughs and colds

Children can come to school with a minor cough/cold if they are generally feeling well in themselves and do NOT have a temperature. Please help them learn to blow their nose as this helps with hygiene. Children with temperature should stay at home until the fever has gone. More details about illnesses and if your child can come to school can be found here on the NHS Website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Sickness and diarrhoea

Children must stay away from school at least **48 hours AFTER** the last bout of Sickness or diarrhoea. This is highly contagious and spreads rapidly.

Doctors and dentists appointments

We totally understand how difficult it is to get a Dr or dentist appointment these days, however where possible we ask that you try to get these out of school time. Where this isn't possible, we ask that you attend the appointment and come back to school, or you send your child to school then collect your child early if the appointment is later in the day rather than being absent for the whole day. We do expect you to **show proof** of this appointment.

Hospital appointments

We understand there is often no option but to attend the appointment at the specified time. We ask that you show us the appointment confirmation text/letter and we can authorise the absence. Again, we ask that you bring your child to school before/after the appointment.

Holiday's

We **do not** authorise holidays and have the discretion to issue you with a fine known as a Fixed penalty notice (FPN) for taking a holiday in school time. However, as a school we like to work with families and understand the circumstances around this request. Please also note that if you do not tell us about a holiday and we believe you to be on holiday we will still ask the Local authority to issue you with a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Religious observations

We will authorise some religious observances after discussion with the Headteacher. Please ask to speak to Mrs Horn or Mrs O'Hare to discuss this.

Absence procedures

If your child is absent from school we expect you to ring us and tell us the reason for absence so we can record this on the register. If you do not ring us and we do not know the reason for absence we will try to contact you via phone/email and your emergency contacts. If we still do not hear from you we may do a safe and well check at your house. This is part of our safeguarding policies and procedures.

Relationships are important to us and we want to work closely with parents and carers to improve attendance for some children in line with the Anthem Attendance Policy which can be found on our Website <https://www.mountstreet.anthemtrust.uk/search/default.asp?pid=0>.

I have been looking closely at every child's attendance in Year 1 and Year 2 from last year as this is a good indicator of attendance for the year ahead and you may receive a letter about this in the next few days. Please do contact the school if you want to discuss this further.

COOL MILK

At Mount Street Academy, we provide milk for all children under the age of 5 who wish to have it. If your child is entitled to income based free school meals (how to apply is on the section below) then milk will continue to be provided by school in later years.

Once your child is over the age of 5 and you wish for your child to have milk, you can order and pay for it via Cool Milk, www.coolmilk.com or call 0800 321 3248.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (PUPIL PREMIUM)

If you believe your child may be entitled to Free School Meals (this is different to the Universal Infant Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) then we would appreciate you applying by clicking the link below please. This provides extra funding for the school along with any additional help the government informs us about, in the past this has included vouchers for food during holidays and also holiday clubs for children. If in doubt, it may be worth trying.

The criteria for being eligible includes the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The link is here: [Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

As a Trust we use the parent app My Child at School (MCAS) which is available via the website (www.mychildatschool.com) or through the mobile app (search **MyChildAtSchool - Parent App** by *Bromcom Computers Plc*). Please use the password reset function to set a new password (your user name will be the e-mail address we have on file for you. If you have multiple children, at the academy or even across other schools using MCAS, you will see their profiles under this one account (as long as you are using the same e-mail address).

We would encourage you to download the MCAS app as you will be able to book all wraparound care, trips and choose meals. You will also be able to update yours and your child's information.

If you need any help with getting on the app, please pop into the school office and we'll be happy to help.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

- End of Term 1: Friday 24th October 2025
- Start of Term 2: Monday 03rd November 2025



uniform swap!

Sat 6th Sep 10.30am-12pm

Ermine library

Bring your
old, outgrown
uniform and swap it
for something else **FREE**