

Dear Parents/Carers

We are working hard to improve attendance and punctuality in school as it is one of the school's Ofsted priorities following our inspection in April 2018. We have been monitoring children who are being dropped off late to school in the morning and those who are picked up late after school. It is a concern that so many children are being collected from school quite a considerable time after 3.15pm. As you can appreciate, this places additional demands on the school staff.

Therefore we are informing all parents, that from now on, any child who has not been collected from school before 3.30pm, will be reported to either social services and/or the police as an abandoned child.

Obviously, we appreciate that there will be occasional times under exceptional circumstances or when emergencies arise that you may be late to collect your child and have been unable to make alternative arrangements. Under these circumstances, please ensure you inform the school office so that we can ensure your child's safety in school. This will also be the case for after school sport and curriculum clubs which finish promptly at 4.15pm.

For children who attend our paid for after school club, staff have been instructed to enforce the penalty payments aspect of the policy, details of which can be found in the Rising Stars Breakfast and After School Club prospectus.

We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Mrs Bates and Miss Cox