



# HARRODIAN

## Attendance and Registration Policy

Harrodian pupils should make the greatest effort to attend School regularly and arrive punctually. Pupils may not take a holiday during term time without permission from the Headmaster.

### Procedures for Registrations

The completion of registers is a LEGAL REQUIREMENT. To prevent any misunderstanding, the set of instructions given below must be closely followed. Staff must be professional and complete registers with scrupulous attention to detail. On no account should anyone other than the teacher in charge or an authorised deputy complete the register.

### Plastic Registration Wallets

Plastic registration wallets are issued to each form and kept in the following areas:

- Pre-Prep – in the Resource Room,
- 8s to 12s – the round table in Reception in the Main Building,
- 13s to Upper Sixth – the round table in the Foyer of the Senior Building.

The plastic wallets are used to store notices and letters that need to be distributed to pupils. Form Teachers must collect their form's plastic wallet and distribute notices at the following times:

- All Form Teachers at the beginning of morning registration (Pre-Prep, Prep and Seniors at 8.35am)
- Pre-Prep Class Teachers at the beginning of lesson 5 - 12.40pm
- Prep Form Teachers at the beginning of afternoon form time - 1.15pm
- 8s to 11s at 4.00pm Monday to Friday

After use the plastic wallet must be returned to the relevant location (Pre-Prep – Resource Room; 8s to 12s – on the round table in Reception in the Main Building; 13s to Upper Sixth – on the round table in the Foyer of the Senior Building).

## Registration Procedures

1. Registrations are taken at the following times:
  - a. Morning Registration Pre-Prep, Prep and Seniors – 8.35 to 9.00am.
  - b. Afternoon Registration Pre-Prep 12.40pm; Prep and Seniors – 2.10pm i.e. at the start of lesson 6.
2. Using the computer in the Form Room, log onto SIMS or Edulink and register the form using the procedures given in the manuals provided.

Senior Form Tutors must please check the Senior Form Notices document each morning in case of any relevant messages or room changes.

3. In addition to the morning and afternoon registrations which are a legal requirement, subject teachers are also required to complete the register at the start of each lesson. They should aim to complete this task during the first 10-15 minutes of each lesson.
4. In the event that SIMS or Edulink cannot be accessed, Form Teachers and subject teachers must email Hayley Butler ([hbutler@harrodian.com](mailto:hbutler@harrodian.com)) giving a list of absentees. Once SIMS is functioning again she will update the registers accordingly.
5. If pupils need to sign in late or sign out early the following procedures have been put in place. Pupils in the Prep will need to go to the Signing In/Out Book at the Bubble Station table. Pupils in the Seniors and Sixth Form who need to sign in or out need to go to the Senior Office. They must do this before they go to class or assembly.
6. Please note that for registration purposes a pupil will be marked “Late (arrived after register closed)” if she or he arrives after 9.30am in the morning or after 2.30pm in the afternoon.
7. Pupils who attend morning sports practices should be able to attend registration as normal. However, if there is a swimming practice this may not be possible because pupils need to change before going to lessons. In this case a member of the Sports Department will ensure that a list of names of those pupils who attended the practice is passed on to Admin and entered onto the electronic register on SIMS.
9. If Prep pupils need to sign out, or leave, before the end of the school day for eg. medical/dental appointments, their parents must email [absence@harrodian.com](mailto:absence@harrodian.com) (or via the Parent Portal) for permission. Relevant staff will be notified via email. A card will be placed in the register wallet that must be given to the pupil. This card must be handed to security as the pupil leaves School. If returning later, they must sign back in again.
10. If Senior pupils need to sign out, or leave, before the end of the school day for eg. medical/dental appointments, their parents must email [absence@harrodian.com](mailto:absence@harrodian.com) (or via the Parent Portal) for permission. Sixth Form parents must email [sixthformabsence@harrodian.com](mailto:sixthformabsence@harrodian.com) (or via the Parent Portal). Relevant staff will be notified via email. Before pupils leave School, they must report to the Senior School office to sign out. When this has been done, they will be free to leave. If returning later, they must sign back in again.

11. Parents requesting absence for any reason (whether for a medical appointment, to attend a family wedding, to visit another school etc), must seek permission from the Headmaster. When staff receive absence requests directly from parents, they must please forward them immediately to [absence@harrodian.com](mailto:absence@harrodian.com) / [sixthformabsence@harrodian.com](mailto:sixthformabsence@harrodian.com), irrespective of the reason for absence.
12. In the afternoon, if a Prep pupil is absent from afternoon form time (13.15 to 13.20) but was present for the morning registration, the Form Teacher must find out why they are not present by checking with the nurse, the Admin Offices etc. If the Form Teacher has to teach or cannot locate the pupil for any reason, he/she must contact a member of Senior Management in order to locate the pupil and ascertain the reason for absence.
13. Some pupils may have a Music lesson during morning or afternoon registration times. They will be instructed to sign in using the register located on the table outside the Music Office on the ground floor. Admin will ensure that pupils are marked present on the electronic register on SIMS. If pupils have music lessons during timetabled lessons their peripatetic teacher must sign them in using the register on the table outside the Music Office.
14. Some pupils may have a Learning Support lesson during morning or afternoon registration times. The Learning Support teachers will register their pupil(s) using the electronic register on SIMS.
15. Pupils who have lessons outside School must be instructed to sign in on arrival at School and Admin will enter the appropriate registration code onto the electronic register on SIMS.

### **Procedures for Registration from 16.00 to 16.10**

Prep pupils in the 8s to 11s must return to their Form Rooms at the end of the school day from 16.00 to 16.10.

Each form's plastic wallet must be collected from the round table for Form Teachers to distribute any messages / letters etc to pupils which may have been placed in the wallet.

Form Teachers should check that all pupils are present (although it is not necessary to log this onto the electronic register on SIMS), check planners and deal with any minor issues arising during the day.

Pupils should then make a quiet and orderly exit after placing all their chairs onto their desks and leaving the classroom tidy.

On Fridays pupils must be reminded to take home sports bags/coats etc.

At 16.10 it is imperative that the plastic wallet is returned to the relevant location (8s to 11s – on the round table in Reception in the Main Building).

Pupils in the 12s, 13s, 14s and 15s are free to make their way home at the end of lesson 7 (16h00).

Sixth Form students may sign out and leave the premises at the end of their final lesson (from midday onwards). If they do not have a lesson, they may also sign out from midday

onwards if they wish to leave the premises as long as they return in good time for their next lesson and sign back in when they return.

### **Registration procedures for when pupils are on school trips.**

It is important that the procedures below are carried out for every school trip to avoid any inaccuracies on the registers.

- For most trips pupils will be registered by their Form Teacher prior to leaving School.
- For trips that depart before morning registration a register should be taken by the lead member of staff and Admin informed via a phone call or email if there are any pupils missing.
- If Senior pupils are meeting teachers at the venue, the lead member of staff must ring the Senior Office as soon as possible after arrival and report whether all pupils are present or if there are any absences.

### **Children Missing School**

At the end of each week a list of pupils who have 90% or less attendance will be circulated via school email to all Form Tutors, Heads of Year and Heads of School by the Data and Attendance Administrator.

In the first instance it will be the responsibility of the Head of Year to monitor absences using the information provided by the Data and Attendance Administrator.

- After a suitable time period, generally half a term, Heads of Year will contact, by telephone, the parents/guardians of pupils whose attendance falls below 90% and warrants further investigation. A record of this telephone contact will be logged onto SIMs.
- If the low attendance continues a letter will be sent home and parents may be asked to attend a meeting with the Head of Year and, if necessary, the Head of School.
- If the problem continues to be unresolved the matter will be passed to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads - Lucy Horan (Pre-Prep), Sarah Codacci (Prep) or Alison Heller (Seniors) in order to initiate a referral to Social Services.

Achieving for Children has established a procedure to respond to children missing from education. This can be found in the document "Children Missing Education, Policy and Procedure July 2020"

A summary of these procedures is given below.

### **Days 1 to 5**

When a child is absent without any explanation, the school will follow our existing first day calling or contact procedures. We will keep a record of all attempts to contact the parent or carer of the child. If the School has concerns regarding the child's welfare the Designated Safeguarding Lead will contact the Single Point of Access immediately.

If the School makes contact with the child or the child returns to School, but no explanation is provided, the School will register the child as at risk of becoming missing from education by the Designated Safeguarding Lead contacting Single Point of Access.

### **Days 5 to 20**

If the child is absent for 5 consecutive days without any explanation, the Designated Safeguarding Lead will complete a referral to Single Point of Access who will in turn refer the case to Education Welfare Services (EWS) who will undertake to try to locate the child.

Full details of these procedures can be found in "Children Missing Education Policy and Procedures" Achieving for Children July 2020.

### **Day 20**

If after 20 days of unauthorised absence following investigation by the EWS, the School is unable to establish the whereabouts and location of the child, permission will be given by EWS for the School to remove the child from their roll, where there are no immediate safeguarding concerns. The School will then upload the child's record onto the School2School database as a child missing from education and complete the online form.

## **Adding and Removing Pupils from the School Register**

The School will use a standard data sheet provided by the Local Authority to record and send any names of children being admitted to or leaving the School, including the reason for withdrawal. The School has also added an additional column to this data sheet which is used to record the home address if a child has moved out of the area/country.

The completion of this data sheet is the responsibility of both the School's Attendance and Data Administrative Assistant, Hayley Butler, together with Caroline Parker. This responsibility is statutory and all schools now have a duty to ensure that names are shared with the Local Authority within the prescribed timescales.

After completing the data sheet the School will inform the Local authority by completing the deregistration for non-standard transitions. Deregistration is now submitted via Google Forms.

The School is expected to provide information to the Local Authority when registering new pupils within five days, including the pupil's address and previous school.

An allocated Education Welfare Officer will record all details and then follow up in one of two ways:

For admissions and deregistration:

- If a new school for the child is known and named, the form will be sent to AfC's School Admissions Service to make contact with the new school/Home Local Authority and confirm that they are on roll.
- If a new school is not known, the form will be passed to AfC's Education Welfare Service to investigate and follow up appropriately. For these children where a referral to SPA or additional information may be needed, the Local Authority will complete this process.
- Any children whose absence is a concern should still be logged with the SPA team in the usual way.

## Categories for registration

Reg Codes	Description	Lesson Codes	Links to Reg Mark	Statistical Meaning
/	Present (AM)	/		Present
\	Present (PM)	\		Present
	Approved Internal Activity	A	S	Authorised Absence
B	Educated off site	B		Authorised Absence
C	Leave of absence authorised by the s...	C		Authorised Absence
D	Dual registered - at another school	D		Attendance not required
E	Excluded	E		Authorised Absence
F	Extended family holiday (agreed)	F		Authorised Absence
G	Holiday not authorised	G		Unauthorised Absence
H	Family holiday (agreed)	H		Authorised Absence
I	Illness	I		Authorised Absence
	Interview	J	V	Approved Educational Activity
L	Late (before reg closed)	L		Present
M	Medical / Dental	M		Authorised Absence
N	No reason yet provided for absence	N		Unauthorised Absence
O	Unauthorised Absence	O		Unauthorised Absence
P	Approved sporting activity	P		Approved Educational Activity
R	Religious observance	R		Authorised Absence
S	Study leave	S		Authorised Absence
T	Traveller absence	T		Authorised Absence
U	Late (after registers closed)	U		Unauthorised Absence
V	Educational visit	V		Approved Educational Activity
W	Work experience	W		Approved Educational Activity
#	School closed to pupils	#		Attendance not required
Y	Unable to attend due to exceptional c...	Y		Attendance not required
X	Non-compulsory school age absence	X		Attendance not required
Z	Pupil not on roll	Z		Attendance not required
-	All should attend / No mark recorded	-		No mark
@	Late (after reg closed)	@		Unauthorised Absence

Person Responsible: Deputy Headmistress

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