

- **Fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absence including leave of absence for unagreed holidays during term time**

*Last updated: February 2025*

Read in conjunction with Ealing's code of conduct on the provisions for fixed penalty notices Schools are responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and reporting children missing education and children missing out on education...

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- **Learning support**

*Last updated: November 2024*

Teaching assistants (TAs) TAs work alongside teachers in the classroom, helping pupils with their learning on an individual or group basis. Some specialise in areas such as literacy, numeracy, special education needs, music, English as an additional...

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- **Ealing schools catering consortium (ESCC)**

*Last updated: July 2025*

The majority of primary and specials schools buy into the Ealing Schools Catering Consortium (ESCC) for their catered meals under a contract which is managed by Ealing's education services. The ESCC members manual is available to view in the...

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- **How schools can prepare for new waste legislation**

*Last updated: July 2025*

Since 31 March 2025, new waste legislation under the Environment Act 2021 requires schools to separate their waste into three distinct ways: General waste Food waste Dry mixed recycling plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays metal food and...

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- **Ealing young carers**

*Last updated: June 2025*

Young carers are children and young people under 18 who look after someone in their family who has an illness, a disability, a mental health problem or a substance misuse problem, taking on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that...

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- **Financial sustainability**

*Last updated: April 2025*

Strategic budget planning in schools is more important than ever. School funding is being squeezed due to several factors varying from increasing costs, delivering a more challenging curriculum, changing demographics and national funding changes....

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- **Dogs in schools**

*Last updated: July 2022*

More and more schools are thinking of getting therapy dogs for the benefit of pupils. The guidance note asks a number of questions but also covers: policy development responsibilities risk assessments and the welfare of the dog. Log in to view guidance...

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- **Staff Covid-19 infection scenarios**

*Last updated: August 2025*

Member of staff has symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19, and has not taken a Covid-19 test: If a member of staff has symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as Covid-19, and they have a high temperature or do not feel well...

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- **Wellbeing and workload guidance for governing boards**

*Last updated: October 2024*

Chairs' / lead governors' governors have considered headteacher (HT) well-being and how governing boards (GBs) can support their leadership team on an ongoing basis. Recognition and acknowledgement of increased HT/SLT workload. Is there...

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