



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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Late Collection Policy

We would like to take this opportunity to address any questions regarding our late collection policy and to clarify why we have fees in place. We understand that circumstances can sometimes make punctual collection difficult, but it is important that all families are aware of the reasons behind this policy and the impact late collection has on staff, pupils, and the wider school community.

- **Staff Overtime:** When pupils are not collected on time, our staff are required to remain at work beyond their contracted hours. The late collection fee helps us to cover the additional staffing costs incurred when this happens.
- **Safeguarding Concerns:** Repeated late collections are considered a safeguarding matter. It is essential that children are collected promptly to ensure their safety and well-being. Where late collection occurs on multiple occasions, the school may be required to take further action to protect the child's welfare. For this reason, we closely monitor all late collections.
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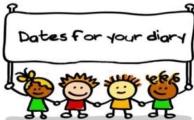
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