

East Birmingham Network Academy

15th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: End of Autumn 2025 term and start of Spring 2026 details.

Firstly, I would like to welcome the new pupils and families that have joined us since September 2025 and thank you for your support thus far, it really does make a difference.

I am writing to update you on the arrangements for the start of the Spring Term (January 2026).

Autumn Term 2025 – Our Successes

We are proud to share some of the many successes from the Autumn Term:

- **Whole-school attendance** reached **82%**, and we are working closely with pupils and families to achieve our **92% target next term**.
- Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we have raised **£1,800.00 for charity** so far this year, supporting **Macmillan, Show Racism the Red Card, Children in Need**, and our **Community Christmas Fayre**.
- **Year 11 mock examinations** saw an excellent **96% attendance**, reflecting pupils' commitment and hard work.
- Pupils enjoyed enriching school trips to **Stratford-upon-Avon** and the **Black Country Living Museum**, bringing learning to life beyond the classroom.
- A wide range of **after-school enrichment activities** has continued to support pupils' interests, skills, and wellbeing.

Thank you to our pupils, parents, and staff for your continued support in making this a successful term.

The Season of Giving

Our Christmas Fayre for the local community took place on **Saturday 13th December 2025**, and we are delighted to share that it was a huge success.

We are especially proud to announce that all proceeds from the Christmas Fayre were donated to **Birmingham Children's Hospital**. Thanks to the generosity and support of our families and community, a total of **£600.00** was raised.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and helped make this event so special. Your support truly makes a difference.

Start of Spring Term 2026 arrangements:

Monday 5th January 2026: In-Set Day

Tuesday 6th January 2026: School re-opens for all pupils 08:45 – 14:45

A Reminder of the Day Timings for 2025-26:

Monday – Thursday

08.45 - 09.15	Form Time
09.15 -10.15	Period 1
10.15 -11.15	Period 2
11.15 -12.45	Period 3/Lunch
12.45 -13.45	Period 4
13.45 -14.45	Period 5

Please note **Year 9** finish at **12.30 on Thursdays**

Please note all Year Groups finish at **12:30 on Fridays**

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Attendance and Punctuality:

We kindly ask that all pupils arrive at the Academy by **08:45** each morning.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone the Academy on **0121 272 7020** before **08:30** to let us know.

Pupils who arrive after **09:00** will be marked as late. If a child arrives late without a valid reason, they will be given a **30-minute** late detention on the same day.

Please be aware that if a pupil has **10 unauthorised absences**, the Fast Track process will begin in line with local authority guidance.

For more information about school attendance, parents and carers can visit **Birmingham City Council's** website.

School Uniform Reminder

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school wearing the correct Academy uniform each day. If a pupil arrives in incorrect uniform, they will be asked to return home to change and then come back to school as soon as possible.

If you need to purchase additional uniform items, including polo shirts or jumpers, these are available directly from the Academy. Currently, polo shirts cost **£12** and jumpers cost **£15**. Any changes to these prices during the year will be shared with parents and carers in advance.

As a reminder the Academy uniform consists of:

- Black EBN Jumper,
- Purple EBN Polo Shirt,
- Black School Trousers (Not Denim trousers/Chinos/**Leggings or skirts**)
- Black School shoes or Solid Black Trainers (No colour logos or motifs)

Bus Passes:

Please note that if the bus pass is lost it will be the responsibility of the parent/carer to pay for the bus pass to be replaced. The cost of a replacement bus pass is £7.00. Any changes to these costs across the year will be communicated to you. If a bus pass is lost it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make arrangements for their child's travel to and from school until the new bus pass arrives.

Vaping

Since last term, we are pleased to share that there has been a **decline in the number of pupils bringing vapes into school**. We would like to thank our parents and carers for your support in addressing this issue and for working closely with us to reinforce our expectations.

While this improvement is encouraging, vaping and being in possession of a vape remains **strictly prohibited** at EBN 2 Academy due to the health risks involved. Any pupil found with a vape, or seen vaping on school premises or in the immediate vicinity of the school (including nearby bus stops), will have the item confiscated and receive a **one-day suspension**, in line with our school policy.

Your continued support is very much appreciated and remains vital in helping our pupils make positive, healthy choices. We kindly encourage you to continue having open conversations with your child(ren) about the risks of vaping.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support in the 2025 - 26 academic year and wish you a peaceful break and a prosperous 2026.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Karen Shearer
Head Teacher