

## Every Day Counts.

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost of learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance however the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 10 days of school during the school year...

**That is nearly 4 school weeks!**

## Managing Sickness and Absence from School Leaflet



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### Managing Sickness & Absence from School

Make Every Day Count!  
and  
Boost School Attendance



- Make non-urgent medical and dental appointments out of school time.
- Build up good habits of punctuality and attendance.
- Be involved with your child's education and school.



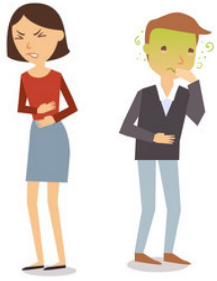
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Inform the School **before 9.00am** every day your child is absent from school due to illness

Absence Line: 01256 892061  
(24 hour answerphone: follow prompts)

Opening Hours: 8.30am – 4.30pm

Parental notes to confirm legitimate absence must be provided promptly on your child's return to school.

In cases of prolonged illness or disability a medical certificate or other evidence from the doctor may be required.

If your child attends school and feels unwell during the school day the school will contact you to arrange collection. They must see a member of staff first and not call home themselves.

Most illnesses can be classified as one of a few minor health conditions. If your child is off long-term please contact the school who will arrange work to be sent home to them.

### **Cough & Cold**

A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they are feeling better. If your child has a more severe and long lasting cough, consult your GP, who can provide guidance on whether the child should stay off school.

### **Raised Temperature**

If your child has a raised temperature, they should not attend school, they can return 24 hours after they are feeling better.

### **Rash**

Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chicken pox and measles. Children with these conditions should not attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP before sending them to school.

### **Vomiting and Diarrhoea**

Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after their symptoms disappear. Most cases of vomiting and diarrhoea get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

### **Sore Throat/Tonsillitis**

A sore throat alone does not have to keep a child from school. If it is accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.

**Further Information**  
[www.nhs.uk.Livewell/Yourchildat school/Pages/llness.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk.Livewell/Yourchildat school/Pages/llness.aspx)

**175 non-school days per year for holidays and appointments**

The Government made amendments to the 2006 Regulations in the **Education (Pupil registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003** making it clear that Headteachers may NOT grant any leave of absence during term time unless that are exceptional circumstances.

Any absence taken without permission could be considered for a penalty notice or a referral to the Attendance Panel for legal sanctions. By law, only the Headteacher can authorise your child's absence.

Regular and punctual attendance at school is a legal requirements as well as essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities.



The Pastoral Team are available to offer any support and guidance you may need with regard to your child's attendance at school.

If you have concerns please contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year.