

ATTENDANCE

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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Welcome to our attendance newsletter.

The aim of the newsletter is to help you understand the guidance around attendance and provide support to families who may be finding it difficult at the moment. We know that some children face great barriers to attendance such as those with long term medical needs or special educational needs and disabilities.

We know that by working together in partnership we can help raise your child's attendance.

We believe in a 'support first' approach.

"From the first day to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child."

SUPPORT FIRST

Working Together

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by:

- sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 95%
- inviting you to meetings if your child's attendance falls below 90% and working with you to make a support plan
- weekly phone calls from the class teacher or Mrs Pickering.



Green-Attendance dipping below 95%

Amber-Attendance consistently below 95%

Red-Persistent Absentee below 90%

Attendance Team

Here is our team of staff who are responsible for monitoring attendance and working closely with our parents and carers to support them in enabling their child to have good attendance:

Mrs Pepper Headteacher

- Mrs Pickering Behaviour & Wellbeing Lead

- Mrs Dee Admin Assistant
- Class Teacher

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Medical Advice

We understand that after the pandemic we can become increasingly anxious about our children and their illnesses.

We have been looking at our whole school attendance and the reasons why some are off school. In a lot of cases they appear to have minor illnesses such as a cough, or headache or tummy ache. In these cases we ask that you bring your child to school, we will look after and monitor them. If they deteriorate during the day we will always ring you to come and collect them.

We would like to reassure you that the NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. If you are unsure please look on the NHS website or ring the school for more support.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

GUIDANCE FOR ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is going to be absent you must contact the school between by no later than 9.30am to let us know the reason why.

If no message is received the following procedure will be followed

Day 1: Phone call home.

If there is no answer by 12.00pm we will conduct a wellbeing call to the house to ensure everyone is safe. We have a duty of care to ensure your child's safety as well as their regular school attendance.

If your child's attendance is below 90% medical evidence may be requested such as appointment text messages or prescriptions.

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have mended and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek


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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

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