

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling
Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

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Every Day Counts: Helping Your Child Belong at School.



Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success - both in school and in life.

Improving attendance leads to better progress across all areas of learning.

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons
Please encourage punctuality to maintain attendance.		

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
- Nelson Mandela



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Our Target for attendance is 97%

100%	Perfection	None
97%	Good	= 6 school days off
95%	Nearly there	= 9 school days off
94%	Needs to improve	= 11 school days off
92%	Danger zone	= 15 school days off
90%	High risk	= 19 school days off
85%	Critical Point	= 28 school days off

The Attendance Escalation Steps

We are here to support you and your child.

Your child will become an attendance focus and someone from the school will contact you to discuss how we can help.

You will receive a formal letter and the opportunity to further discuss your child's attendance in a meeting with the school.

The Education Welfare Officer will be involved and the attendance team will monitor your child closely.

This will involve more formal meetings and could lead to court action.

Reduce illness days.

If your child is saying that they feel unwell and you are unsure about whether it warrants a day off, please send them to school. If they are unwell, we will ring you.

Use common sense when deciding whether your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is my child well enough to do the activities in the school day?
- Is it contagious?

Most childhood illnesses do not exceed 48 hours.

If illness becomes a regular reason for absence, you may be asked for medical evidence. e.g. an appointment card or prescription.

Holidays & Family Trips

DO NOT take holidays or family trips during term time. Your child will never again get back this "time off" and it will leave gaps in their learning. It will impact education and friendships.

If you are planning to do this, you **MUST inform school from a safeguarding perspective**, so that we do not involve other agencies when we cannot locate your child.

You may face a fine for this absence.

Medical and dental appointments.

Medical appointments should be arranged out of school hours. We understand that hospital appointments cannot be changed or if it is an emergency appointment.

But your child will be expected in school before and after the appointment.