

Attendance Matters Everyday Counts



Why good attendance is important

At Church Langton CE Primary School we want our students to be in school learning and striving for success. We pride ourselves on providing students with an outstanding education. Attendance in school is a key determining factor in the achievement of students. For this reason we reward and celebrate students who achieve 100% attendance each half term.

If a student's attendance falls below 95% this is considered a cause for concern. Whilst some absence from school is unavoidable it is vital that all students strive to be in school every day. Parental support in achieving this is absolutely crucial.

Department for Education statistics show that of pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school, only 35% manage to go on to achieve five good GCSEs. This compares to 73% of pupils with over 95% attendance. Furthermore, attendance records are included within any reference written by the school and therefore poor attendance can have further damaging longer term consequences.

Below is a table showing how % attendance translates into a number of weeks off school in one academic year and over a 5 year period. If you are unaware of your child's attendance figure please contact their tutor and they can provide you with this information.

Attendance	Weeks of absence in a school year	Over 5 years
95%	2 weeks	48 days of absence
90%	4 weeks	Half a school year

85%	6 weeks	138 days of absence
80%	8 weeks	One entire school year
75%	10 weeks	238 days of absence

Holidays

The Headteacher has the discretion to grant term time absence for exceptional circumstances. Under DFE guidance family holidays would not meet the criteria of exceptional circumstances and would be unauthorised. Any such absences could result in the issuing of a fixed penalty notice to each parent for each child absent.

Health Information for Parents

Should my child stay home from school?

Sometimes parents are unsure if their child should be in school. General medical advice is that if your child has no temperature but has a cough, cold, headache, earache or similar ailment then as with adults, give them paracetamol and send them to school. If your child's condition worsens or if we believe it is contagious we will contact you. Advice from the NHS relating to common childhood illnesses is included on the back of this leaflet.

Medical, Dental and Optician appointments

Whenever possible make all medical appointments outside school hours. If an appointment is made in school time your child should come to school first and return after their appointment. Please be aware that appointments or illness of a

Long term illness

pupil should not affect the education of their siblings. If a pupil has an appointment (particularly at the beginning or end of the school day) arrangements should be made to ensure that siblings are dropped off or collected from school at the normal time.

Please talk to us if your child has a chronic or long term illness as there are a number of ways your child can maintain some education. It is imperative that if there are long term illnesses that you communicate with the school about these. We can ensure there is appropriate support in place to your child in school.

NHS Absence from school advice

Type of illness	NHS recommended period to be kept away from school	NHS further advice and comments
Diarrhoea or vomiting	48 hours since last episode	This may vary in each case, please contact school for further advice.
Cough and cold	None	-
Flu	Until recovered	-
Whooping Cough	5 days from start of antibiotics	After treatment non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks.
Conjunctivitis	None	-
Head lice	None	Recommended use of proprietary hair conditioner. Please notify the school.
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling	Mumps in teenage children can cause other serious medical complications.
Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, most are due to viruses and do not need antibiotics.
Cold Sores	None	Avoid contact with the sores.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics	Antibiotics can speed the healing process and reduce the infectious period.
Warts and Verrucae	None	Verrucae should be covered in swimming pools, changing rooms and for gymnastics.
Fever	24 Hours	-
Headache	None	If headache is severe and accompanied by other symptoms consult your GP.

Chicken Pox	5 Days	Kept away for recommended period from onset of rash.
Shingles	None	Absence only required if rash is weeping and unable to be covered.

If you have any queries regarding this health information please contact the school medical room tel. 023 8029 4170