

## Legal Background and DfE Guidelines

It is the legal duty of parents to ensure the regular attendance of a child of compulsory school age.

Failure to do so could result in the local authority issuing a penalty notice or prosecuting the parents in the magistrates' court



## Should my child go to school today?

### Every day counts

Headache, earache and stomach ache- YES your child can go to school- just let the staff know that they have felt unwell.

Give children's paracetamol and plenty to drink

High temperature or fever- Give children's paracetamol and plenty to drink. If your child feels better bring them into school. If the fever continues for 3 days seek medical advice.

Coughs and colds- YES your child can go to school-Give children's paracetamol and plenty to drink. Remember to give your child their inhaler if they have one.

Sore throat and tonsillitis-Give children's paracetamol and plenty to drink and then send to school

Diarrhea and vomiting caused by a bug not coughing or any other reason

Children can return after 48 hours from when they were last sick. If vomiting is caused by coughing, excitement or over eating then the child can return to school sooner. Explain the cause to the office staff when you telephone



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Please call the office before 8.45am on 01793 523800 if your child is going to be absent due to illness

If your child has sickness or diarrhea, the 48 hour rule applies. Please ensure that seek medical advice if you have any concerns about your child's health

## Requests for absence-Key points for Parents

 Requests for absence during term time **will not be authorized**

 Any requests for the purpose of visiting family, attending family occasions or celebrations– **will not be authorized**

 Parents will be penalty noticed for unauthorized absence. **This is a fine of £60 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days**

 If a child is absent for 21 continuous days without any contact, **your child will be removed from the register**

This means that your child cannot return to the school.

You will need to register your child with the local authority to apply for a new school place



**Did you know that children who have good attendance achieve much higher than children who miss at least 10 days in a year!**

**Did you know that a child who misses one day every two weeks will miss 18 days a year**

**Did you know that for every one day your child misses it puts them behind two days, socially and in their learning**

**Make good attendance a life skill for your child**

**When a child complains of feeling unwell, THINK...**

**-is it necessary to keep them off school?**

**-is there another reason for feeling poorly?**

**-am I setting a good example by keeping them home?**



**Make attendance a priority in your house**



**Talk to your child about why going to school is so important**



**Give your child the best chance of success!**



**If you need support with your child's attendance, please speak with Mrs GINGER or the office 01793 523800**



## Doctors, Dental and Hospital Appointments

**Please try to book appointments outside school hours**

We understand that there are occasions when appointment times are out of your control

Any medical appointments/ procedures during school time will be authorized but you will need to provide evidence, such as letters from the hospital

If there are any reports of childhood illnesses such as chicken pox, measles, slapped cheek you will be notified by the school

