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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Important Attendance Reminder: Medical Appointments and Illness Absences

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our procedures regarding medical appointments during the school day and reporting illness-related absences.

We know that parents and carers work hard to support their child's education, and regular attendance plays a vital role in helping children achieve their full potential, build friendships and enjoy all aspects of school life. Thank you for your continued support.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, we encourage medical, dental and healthcare appointments to be arranged outside of school hours. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, please provide supporting evidence within 5 school days, such as:

- Appointment letter
- Text message confirmation
- Appointment card
- Screenshot of the booking confirmation

Once evidence has been received, we can record the absence as an authorised medical appointment.

Where appointments take place during the school day, we kindly ask that pupils attend school before and/or after the appointment where possible, helping them to make the most of their learning time.

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

We appreciate that deciding whether your child is well enough to attend school can sometimes be difficult. The NHS provides useful guidance for parents and carers on common childhood illnesses and when it is appropriate for children to attend school.

Before reporting an illness-related absence, we encourage families to refer to the NHS guidance "Is my child too ill for school?" at: www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school



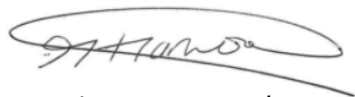
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This guidance can help parents make informed decisions and support children to attend school whenever they are well enough to do so.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed. If you would like any advice or support regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely



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Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'