

Illness

We would like to offer you some guidance, provided by the Health Protection Agency, explaining when and how long your child needs to be absent from school. We appreciate that you will also use your own judgements as a parent as to whether your child is well enough to attend.

The table below shows the most common illnesses and infections and the recommended period of time to be absent from school. We would always recommend that if you are unsure or require further clarification to contact your G.P. or visit the school Nurse on a Tuesday at 10:30am in school during her drop in session.

Chicken Pox	Until all spots have crusted over
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment
Hand, Foot & Mouth	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
Slapped Cheek (fifth disease, Parovirus B19)	None
Shingles	Unless the rash is weeping and cannot be covered the child can attend school
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Conjunctivitis	None
Head Lice	None, however we would appreciate if live lice are found that children are treated before coming into school.
Tonsillitis	None (most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic)

Although we have no formal guidelines, coughing and sneezing easily spread infections. Children should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue, which we have in school. Handwashing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea and vomiting. We are also encouraging the children to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues to reduce the risk of infection.

Is regular Nursery Attendance Important?



Although not compulsory Nursery attendance is important as it is the beginning of your child's school journey

It is important for your child to get used to coming to school and settle into a routine as this helps them to prepare for starting full time school

By attending nursery regularly your child is able to form friendships with their peers. These friendships become stronger the more time the children spend together in the classroom.

Regular attendance means that your child accesses many learning opportunities developing them cognitively, emotionally and improves their physical development

If you know your child is going to be absent we have several ways for you to report their absence to the school office:

If you are due to take a holiday please complete a nursery holiday form, this is just so that school have a record of your child's whereabouts for safeguarding reasons. Nursery children are exempt from formal holiday procedures.

Your child's absence can be recorded by calling school on 01287 676210, choose option 1 to record a reason for absence.

Alternatively we have parentmail which you are able to register for to receive information from school as well as being able to download a free app which enables you to record your child's absence. The school office will be more than happy to help with your registration

If we do not receive a reason for absence then a member of the school office team will contact you, again this is part of our safeguarding procedures.