

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 Health Visitor

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 Reception Attendance Compulsory?



We understand that when your child starts in reception this can be an exciting time for both you and your child but also a daunting time as rules and policies come into effect that weren't compulsory whilst in Nursery and it is sometimes hard to know what is relevant to your child

It is important that your child attends school regularly. The term after your child turns 5 they are of compulsory school age meaning that formal, legal, attendance procedures apply and your child is required to attend school. Eg. A child born between Sept - Dec becomes compulsory on the 1st January 2020

For attendance in reception the children are monitored in the same way as the rest of school. Attendance letter 1 (below 95%) and Letter 2 (below 90%) can both be issued. It is only the legal procedures which cannot begin until the term after your child is 5

Leave of absence requests are again dealt with in the same way as the rest of school the only difference is that penalty notices cannot be issued until your child has 12 months compulsory school attendance (when they turn 6), however warning letters can still be issued by the Galileo trust and if a second leave of absence is taken this is automatically a penalty notice.

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 Leave of Absence form 7-4 weeks before the planned leave.

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.

If we are unable to ascertain a reason for absence the mark will be recorded as unauthorised.

Mrs. Mags Hayden & Mrs. Katy Wilson, the school's Attendance Monitoring Team are here to offer any help, advice or support you may need in raising your child's attendance.