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I hope this newsletter will give you lots of information about attendance and how you can make sure your child has a good attendance as possible.

EVERY day at school counts

This table of information shows you how important it is that all children have good attendance to make sure they don't miss any vital learning.

Every School Day Counts!						
365 days in each year	175 Non-School Days a Year – i.e. Weekends and School Holidays					
	190 school days in each year					
	190 School days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	28 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
		180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
	100% Attendance	95% Attendance	90% Attendance	85% Attendance	80% Attendance	75% Attendance
	GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance to success. Makes it harder to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Absence will affect your child's progress. Action will be taken	

At the present time our overall attendance is 96.06%. The national average is 94.7%.

We are proud of our attendance and want to ensure we stay above 96%. We look forward to working with you closely to maintain this figure throughout your child's time at school.

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STAY AT HOME

Raised temperature (over 37.5)

Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses such as chickenpox and measles. If your child has a rash, check with your GP before sending them to school.

Vomiting and diarrhoea. Children with these conditions can return to school 48 hours after their symptoms have settled.

But what if my child is ill?

Of course children are ill on occasions and when this is the case we readily accept that being at home is the best place to be. Children can't help being ill and as a school we want all our children to be well and healthy to be able to learn happily and confidently when they are here. However this traffic light system (left) is a really useful guide to help you to decide when to send your child to school and when to keep them at home. Tiredness is not a reason in itself for absence from school and will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

AMBER

TAKE ADVICE

Headaches. A child with a minor headache does not usually need to be kept off school.

If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms such as raised temperature or drowsiness then keep your child at home and consult your GP.

IF your child is too unwell to attend school....

1. Please phone the school office on 01825 723377 before 9.00am to inform the school that your child is absent and to explain the cause of the absence. The school will ask about the nature of the illness and the expected duration of the absence.
2. If we receive no contact from you we will phone home to ascertain your child's whereabouts and reason for absence.
3. Please phone on subsequent days if your child is away for more than 1 day

GREEN

COME TO SCHOOL*

Cough
Cold
Sore throat
Feeling tired

*we will always contact you if your child becomes ill during the school day.

Holidays in term time

As a school we do not authorise holidays in term time unless there are unique and compelling exceptional circumstances. As you already know every day in school counts.

If you need to request a holiday in term time please complete a Leave of Absence Form and return to the school office where Mrs Thomas will consider your request.