



Deal Parochial C of E Primary School

Attendance and Absence Guide for Parents and Carers

We aim for 100% attendance for all our pupils and reward good attendance and punctuality with weekly, termly and annual awards.

Term 4 Attendance		
Class	Attendance	Rating
YR Hazel	95.9%	Nearly there!
Y1 Horse Chestnut	95.2%	Nearly there!
Y2 Scots Pine	95.3%	Nearly there!
Y3 Sycamore	93.2%	Keep Trying
Y4 Willows	95.6%	Nearly there!
Y5 Silver Birch	96.4%	On Target – Super!
Y6 Oak	94.5%	Keep Trying
All Pupils	95.2%	Target 96%

Class Data for 100% attendance in Term 4		
Class	Number of pupils in the class at 100%	100% Attendance
YR Hazel	15	50 %
Y1 Horse Chestnut	8	26.7 %
Y2 Scots Pine	12	44.4 %
Y3 Sycamore	13	50 %
Y4 Willow	13	43.3 %
Y5 Silver Birch	12	42.9 %
Y6 Oak	11	37.9 %

Term 1-4				
	Term1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Whole School Attendance	97.5%	94.3%	95.5%	95.2%
Absence	3.8%	5.7%	4.5%	4.8%
% of pupils regularly late (4 or more sessions)	4.4%	5.5%	3.9%	3.5%
% of pupils with attendance below 90%	4.9%	16.2%	16.7%	15.5%

As a parent we want the best for our children and we want to take care of them when they are ill. However, sometimes it's not always easy to know when to keep them off school and for how long when they are sick.

So, here is some guidance to help.

Illness Guidelines

Illness/infections	Recommended Period of absence from school	Comments/notes
Chickenpox	Absence from school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Can be harmful to those who are pregnant, please contact school for guidance.
FLU	Until recovered.	
German measles (rubella)	Infectious from a week before the onset of rash to 4 days afterwards.	Preventable by vaccination. Can be harmful to those who are pregnant, please contact school for

	Absence for four days after the rash starts to avoid infecting others.	guidance.
Hand, foot and mouth	None.	Contact school
Impetigo	Absence until spots are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotics.	Antibiotics speed healing and reduce the infectious period.
Measles	Infectious from 4 days before the onset of rash to 4 days afterwards. Absence for four days after the rash starts to avoid infecting others.	Preventable by vaccination. Can be harmful to those who are pregnant, please contact school for guidance.
Ringworm	Absence not usually required	Treatment is required
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment	Household and close contacts require treatment also.
Scarlet Fever	Child can return to school 24 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment	Antibiotics recommended
Slapped cheek	None once rash has developed	Can be harmful to those who are pregnant, please contact the school
Shingles	Contagious until the last blister has dried and scabbed over.	Spread by close contact and touch. Can be harmful to those who are pregnant and those not immunised from chickenpox
Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	Return 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.	Recommend visit to the GP if diarrhoea/vomiting persists
Whooping cough	Return 48 hours from start of antibiotics or 21 days from start of illness if no antibiotic treatment	Preventable by vaccination. After treatment non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks

For further guidance visit the 'Guidance on infection control in schools poster:

http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

Examples of when there is no need to keep your children away from school are:-	
Coughs, colds, sore throat, head lice, ringworm, cold sores, tiredness.	If you notify the school that your child is feeling unwell we will make sure the relevant staff are aware and can keep an eye on them for you. If they need to be sent home we will contact you.
Doctor and Dentist appointments	Please try and make them out of school hours. If they do have to be during school time, please do not take the whole day off school!
Brother or sister is ill Parent is ill	Please make alternative arrangement for your child to be brought to school. Ask a relative, friend or trusted neighbour.
Alarm didn't go off Car didn't start	Bring them in as soon as possible. Phone the office.
Weather is bad	Dress for the weather, allow extra time and take care.

Be assured that you child's well-being is important to us as we want every child to be happy, healthy and to learn. Please notify the school each day your child is absent due to illness—giving a valid reason rather than just saying they are unwell. If you are unsure if your child should come to school please contact the school office. Tel 01304 374464

Holidays

If your child is away from school for any reason it will have an impact on their learning. **HOLIDAYS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN SCHOOL TIME.** If you do take a holiday during term time, this may result in the Local Authority issuing a Penalty Notice (fine) ie. If your child has 10 sessions or more unauthorised within 100 sessions. (1 session = 1 morning or 1 afternoon)

Penalty Notices are issued to **each parent of each child** and the amount of the fine will be £120 to be paid within 28 days, reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. Failure to pay the fine in full at the end of the 28 day period may result in prosecution by the Attendance Service. Myth Buster: The money you pay as a fine does **not** go to the school.

Why is it important for your child to attend school regularly?

- It gives your child the best possible start to life
- They will be able to keep up with their learning
- They will have a better future employment
- They will be at less risk of becoming a victim of crime
- They will be less likely to become involved in anti-social behavior
- **It is the law.**

Why is it important for your child to be punctual? - Persistent lateness can be legally counted as unauthorised absence, which can...

- Cause disruption to the rest of the class
- Cause embarrassment to the child
- Make it harder for the child to settle as they may have missed vital instructions

Being 15 minutes late each day during an entire school year is the same as missing two whole weeks of school!

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

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