

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve well at school and reach their full potential.

Missing school disrupts school routines and learning. The most common reason for children to miss school is illness, however most of the time childhood ailments can be managed in school.

Please remember that early morning aches often pass, so don't keep your child at home 'just in case' when they could be learning in class. Tell school staff and they will phone you if your child continues to have symptoms or report that they are well.

Please make sure that the contact details the school has are current and up to date. It is important that the school is able to make contact with you during the day if your child is not well enough to stay in school.

Medical appointments

Where possible please arrange doctor, dentist and optician appointments outside of school hours. If this is not possible, your child should attend school for the remainder of the day.

Other Useful Links

www.hpa.org.uk

www.dh.gov.uk

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

www.wiredforhealth.gov.uk

www.dfes.gov.uk

www.immunisation.nhs.uk

Minor Illnesses and school attendance

To help avoid unnecessary school absences, we have produced this leaflet as a general guide to help you decide whether your child is well enough to attend school.



Infections in Children

Chicken Pox and Shingles

Your child should be absent from school for at least 5 days. Your child can return to school once the spots have dried and crusted over.

Conjunctivitis

Your child can return to school once their eyes have been treated with eye drops.

Impetigo

Your child can return to school once the lesions are crusted and healed.

Common Cold

Your child can attend school if they have a cold. Your child will only need to be absent if they have a high temperature.

Tonsillitis

Your child can attend school as long as your child does not have a temperature. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, these can be administered at school.

Diarrhoea

Your child can return to school 24 hours after their last bout of diarrhoea.

Vomiting/Sickness

Your child can return to school 24 hours after their last bout of sickness.

Scarlet Fever

Your child can return to school when they feel well. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, these can be administered at school.

Chest Infection

Your child can return to school when they feel well and they no longer have a temperature. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, these can be administered in school.

Ear Infection

Your child can return to school when they feel well and they no longer have a temperature. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, these can be administered in school.,

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

Your child can return to school when they feel well and the blisters have dried.

Contact Information

Woodnewton-a learning community
01536 265173

Exeter-a learning community
01536 204765

Priors Hall-a learning community
01536 216090

Please ensure that you contact the school on the first day of absence.

