

#### **Halsford Park Primary School**

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## **Attendance and Sickness Information 2025/26**

I hope this leaflet will give you lots of information about attendance & how you can make sure your child has as 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.

	<b>Every School Day Counts</b>	!
175 Non-School	Days a Year – i.e. Weekends	& School Holidays
190 school days in each year		
190 school days in each	11-19 days absence	19+ days absence
year		
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•		Less than 171 days of education
100% - 95%	94% - 90%	Less than 90% attendance
attendance	attendance	
	WORRYING	
GOOD	Less chance of success	SERIOUS CONCERN
Best chance of success -	Makes it harder to make	Persistent absence will
gets your child off to a flying start	progress. Action may be taken	affect your child's progress Action will be taken
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I look forward to working with you closely to improve this target throughout your child's time at our school.

Mrs Spencer Headteacher

### But what if my child is ill?

Children are ill on occasions & when this is the case, we readily accept that being at home is the best place to be. Children can't help being ill & as a school we want all our children to be well, healthy & able to learn happily & confidently when they are here. This traffic light system below is a really useful guide to help you to decide when to send your child to school & when to keep them at home. This information is based on guidance from Public Health England & the NHS & should be adhered to by parents.

If your child is on prescribed medication, please complete a consent form available from the office & website so that we can administer at school.

If your child requires non-prescription medication such as: paracetamol, anti-histamine & travel sickness, please complete the consent forms available from the office & website so that we can administer at school. Please note no verbal permission will be granted.

#### **HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME**

We do not authorise holidays in term time. We only authorise absence if they are exceptional circumstances.

If this is the case, please complete a leave of absence form (available from the Office & website) addressed to Mrs Spencer, Headteacher at least **14 days** prior.

## If your child is ABSENT from school...

- ✓ Please phone the school on 01342 324643 & press 1 or send an email to:
  - officehp@partnersinlearning.co.uk & leave a message, stating your child's name, class & reason of absence.

    Please do this before 8.15am on each day of the absence.
- If we have not heard from you by 9.00am then we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence.
- ✓ If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is then we will make a home visit. However, if we still have not been able to get a response we will then report it to the police as your child will be classed a 'missing child'.

## RED STAY AT HOME

Vomiting & Diarrhoea - Children who have a sickness bug &/or diarrhoea bug must stay at home until 48hrs after their last bout.

**Rash** - can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses such as chickenpox & measles. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or a pharmacist before sending them to school.

**Temperature** – if your child has a temperature, 38.0c or above or if you do not have a thermometer they are hot to the touch, please keep them at home until the temperature subsides.

## AMBER TAKE ADVICE

Headache - 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 a raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep your child at home & consult your GP.

# GREEN COME TO SCHOOL \*

Cold Sore throat Feeling tired

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