



## Illness and Medical Appointments

Dear Parent/ Carers,

We understand that at this time of year children will present with a range of illnesses and it can be hard to know when it is right to keep them off school or send them in. The government have produced guidelines outlined on the links below to support parents & school.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/UKHSA-should-I-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf>

As a guideline, we will follow this advice for children in school and once they are in school, we will always encourage them to remain in school and attend lessons. However, illness can be subjective and when a student presents as not feeling well, we will not keep them out of lessons but rather encourage them to continue with their day. At this stage, we must discourage and prevent students from contacting home in order to request parents arrive to collect them. If they present with obvious signs and symptoms of an illness, we will of course contact home.

Parents can support by bringing in medication that may support their ailments. If you wish to do this, please **contact school in advance or drop these off via main school reception so they can be logged with student services**. As a school, we must be aware of all medicines on site as this can present safeguarding risks.

### **Collecting your child from school for an appointment?**

If you are collecting your child for a pre-arranged appointment, can I request that you contact the school in advance or attempt to arrive outside of lunch times to collect your child. The lunch times for each year group are below.

Year 7, 9 & 10 Lunch is 12:15 – 12:50pm

Year 8 & 11 Lunch is 13:05 – 13:40pm

If we are aware in advance, we can then arrange for your child to be waiting in reception for you. Once a child is on their lunch break it can be very difficult to quickly locate them and this will inevitably lead to a delay.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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