

12th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the girls in September. We want to share with you the expectations for your daughters attending school everyday.

Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September 2020. The government expects all students to attend school. We will be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

Since 1st August most people are not shielding. That means that your daughters can come back to school in September. However, if you've received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance.

Symptom checker:

Your daughter can still attend school if she has the following symptoms

Symptom	Can she come to school	Solution
Headache/Migraine	Yes	If appropriate, give pain relief or suitable alternative. Please ensure she has a bottle of water in school
Stomach ache & Period pains	Yes	If appropriate, give pain relief or suitable alternative. Please provide your daughter with sufficient sanitary towels.
Runny nose, sneezing & sore throat	Yes	Administer appropriate pain relief, throat sweets and/or cough medicines. Please ensure she has a bottle of water and plenty of tissues in school.
Strains & sprains	Yes	Your daughter can attend school, even if using crutches & support can be provided in school. Appropriate pain relief can be sent in and kept by the school nurse. Seek medical advice if symptoms persist.
Asthma, Diabetes, Sickle Cell & Epilepsy	Yes	Any relevant medication should be kept in school. The School Nurse is trained to assist your daughter in managing her condition in school.
Conjunctivitis	Yes	Firstly, seek medical attention/advice. Once the correct treatment has been prescribed then your daughter can attend school.
Head Lice	Yes	Your daughter can be in school. Please treat her hair with the correct shampoo/head lice comb to combat the condition.

Learning today, leading tomorrow

Parent or family member is sick has an appointment or is in hospital (without having COVID19 symptoms),	Yes	Your daughter still needs to attend school. Your illness or appointment does not excuse your daughter from attending. Where possible, get a neighbour, relative or friend to help with bringing/collecting your daughter to and from school.
My daughter does not want to come to school	Yes	Talk to the school Attendance Officer, Head of Year or suitable member of staff. We can work together to try to determine the reasons. We can work together and support your daughter through this.

Your daughter should not come to school if she has the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means your daughter feels hot to touch (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means your daughter has noticed she cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your daughter has one or more of these symptoms then she will need to get tested. This can be done through the following NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

You should get the results of the test back within 48hours. If your daughter receives a negative result then she should return to school as soon as she is well enough to do so.

Travelling to school

You will be aware that face masks have to be worn if using public transport. We would like to encourage your daughter to use washable face masks rather than disposable ones, and then have a small bag to store it in safely once she arrives at school.

Thank you, as always, for your great support. We do hope you are having a nice break. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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Yours sincerely

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