



School Absences

Based on new government legislation, all schools are being asked to take a new approach to attendance and what is classed as authorised and unauthorised absence.

The national attendance target for whole school attendance is 95%, we are currently at 91.1%, which is well below the national average.

We are asking parents to work alongside Jubilee Primary School in raising whole school attendance, so these new changes will be implemented in September 2025.

- Schools are no longer allowed to authorise ANY term time holidays
- When a student has 10 unauthorised session absences (5 days absence) in any 10-week period, schools should be considering whether a Fixed Penalty Notice is the right course of action
 - FPN are no longer just for term time holidays, but any unauthorised absence
- If students have a cough, sore throat, headache or cold, they should still make every attempt to attend school
- Whilst in school, if a child feels really unwell, they will go and see a first aider, who will then decide if they need to be sent home
- For medical/dental appointments, you MUST provide evidence of the appointment, otherwise the absence will be unauthorised
- Absence for an illness/medical is classed as an authorised absence, but it stills contributes to your child's overall absence.

If your child is unwell for more than 2 days, you MUST provide evidence of your child's illness, otherwise the absence will be unauthorised.

Please see a list of illnesses which WOULD require your child to be off school:

DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING

Children can return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting

FEVER/HIGH TEMPERATURE (38 degrees or higher)

Give paracetamol and plenty to drink

Keep your child off school until their fever goes away

If the child's high temperature continues for 5-days or more – go to the GP

SCARLET FEVER AND STREP THROAT

Children should go back to school 24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment.

MUMPS

Children should go back to school 5-days from the start of swollen glands.

WHOOPING COUGH

Children should go back to school 5-days after starting antibiotics. Non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks.

Chickenpox

Cases of chicken pox are generally infectious from 2 days before the rash appears to 5 days after the onset of the rash.

Although the usual exclusion period is 5 days, all lesions should be crusted over before children return to school.