



Dates for your diary

- ★ Christmas concert - 19th December
- ★ Last day of term Thursday 22nd December (normal finish time; students with their tutor groups Period 5)
- ★ First day of Spring term Monday 9th January

Please note - we do not 'do' Christmas Jumper Day as a school for poverty proofing reasons; we would never want a student to be in a position where they felt left out because parents could not afford a jumper. We also would not want additional unnecessary financial pressures on families in the current economic climate.



Extended Period 1 - last week of term

Students will be in extended success assemblies in the last week of term (w/b 19th December) until 9.15am each morning.

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Condition	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfrec>.

Strep A / Public Health Information

You will have seen recent coverage on the news of Group A Streptococcal infections, including sadly a small number of deaths. Please be assured that severe group A strep infections are exceptionally rare and we have had no evidence of any cases in our school. You can find the latest Public Health guidance [HERE](#) on our website regarding both Strep A and winter viruses.



Cold weather - coats

We fully expect students to wear coats in cold weather, particularly during this current cold spell. A plain black V-necked jumper can also be worn underneath blazers (not round necked sweatshirts). Students will be asked to take their coats off before entering classrooms and in corridors but can wear them in the cafe and dining areas when coming in and out of the yard at break and lunch. We unfortunately do not have the space in the school building for student lockers to place coats during the day.

Attendance & Punctuality



We have seen a significant improvement in punctuality in the morning this term; thank you for your support getting students to school on time. Nationally, school attendance has dipped to around 91% this year and our school is no different. Please continue to encourage good attendance and speak to our pastoral team if you need support in doing so. The aim is to keep children 'green' as indicated above, throughout the year.

