



Dear Families,

Attendance Update as of 23/04/2025

Recognising the significance of consistent school attendance for the educational and overall well-being of your child/ren, we wish to share some important information with you.

It is inevitable that, at times, children may experience mild illnesses. In such instances, it is crucial to determine whether they should attend school or stay at home. According to the guidelines provided by the Department for Education (DfE), it is generally acceptable for pupils to attend school with minor respiratory ailments, such as a mild cough, runny nose, or sore throat.

If uncertainty arises, we recommend consulting the NHS guidance available at: [NHS Guidance](#)

In the event that your child is at school and begins to feel unwell, please be assured that we have designated spaces and trained staff to provide immediate assistance. Our primary objective is to support your child's learning, which may occasionally involve them remaining in school despite feeling unwell. If your child reports feeling unwell, they will be supported appropriately by a member of staff. We will then promptly contact you to communicate their condition. Unless the illness is severe, we seek your cooperation in allowing the pupil to remain in school to ensure continuity in their education. It is important to note that pupils should not directly contact home to seek permission to leave, as this may present a safeguarding concern.

Additionally, moving forward, FCAT has made the decision that we will not be sending pupils home unattended. If a pupil is unwell and needs to go home, they will need to be collected by an adult whose contact details are on our school system or who has been given permission by yourselves. If a pupil is too ill to be in school, it is important that there is an adult at home to care for them.

Post-pandemic, we recognise the mental health challenges some pupils may face. Mild or moderate anxiety can be a normal part of growing up. Extended absences from school can exacerbate these anxieties. Should your child experience mental health issues, the DfE has published guidance that you may find valuable: [DfE Mental Health Guidance](#). We encourage pupils with persistent symptoms to seek additional medical support.

We do appreciate your support with pupil attendance. If you need any further support please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely,



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