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Attendance Reminder

The Department for Education's advice to parents about the return to school (DfE, 2020a) states:

"School attendance will be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. This means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child (if they are of compulsory school age) to school regularly."

In this current situation, it may be unclear as to what this really means to you as parents, and you may have some questions. If you are ever in doubt, contact the school for advice.

What if my child has a cough or cold?

The NHS states that the main symptoms of corona virus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

You can bring your child in school if they do not have above symptoms and are well enough to come to school.

Please note, we can generally only authorise a maximum of 2 days absence for cold symptoms or being generally 'unwell'. If your child continues to be unwell after 2 days, you need to consult your child's G.P. in order for any further absence from school to be authorised.

My child's absence is covid related.

If you think your child or anyone in your household is showing corona virus symptoms, your household should self-isolate for 14 days and the person with symptoms should take a test. If it is negative, your child/ren can return to school as long as they are well enough to do so. If there is a positive test result in your household, you all need to isolate. The person with symptoms for at least 10 days and other members of the household for 14 days. If it is a Coppetts Wood child who tests positive, you need to inform the school immediately by directly contacting the Head Teacher on the school number or her school mobile (07917 555102) if it is out of school hours. School will then contact Barnet Public Health and respond according to their advice. This may well mean the class (often known as bubble) will be asked to isolate for 14 days and will move to 'home learning'.

How about medical appointments?

School can only authorise a half day of absence for GP appointment or dentist appointment. A full day absence can be authorised for certain hospital visits when a parent presents evidence.



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such as an appointment letter. However, it is expected in usual circumstances that routine appointments take place outside of school hours or during the school holidays.

My child didn't sleep well last night.

We understand that sometimes children have nights when they sleep badly for various reasons. If it is medically related, we can accept this reason most of the time, but the child is expected to be in school once they have woken and in time for afternoon lessons.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children should stay away from school for 24 hours after vomiting and 48 hours after diarrhoea.