

Should My Child Go to School Today?

Not all illnesses require your child to take time off school. This short guide may help you decide

- Go to school.
- Can be spread. Some restrictions apply.
- Don't go to school. See your GP.

Illness:	Advice:
Conjunctivitis	● Treatment is not usually required. Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading. See a pharmacist if you are concerned
Head Lice	● Treat child first
Coughs & Colds	● Children should be given paracetamol, plenty of fluids to drink and can be sent to school
Sickness & Diarrhoea	● Return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Chicken Pox	● Back to school 5 days after the on-set of the rash
Measles	● Contact your GP

Please visit the following website for more information:
www.what0-18.nhs.uk

Did you know...

If you are found guilty of failing to ensure your child attends school every day, you could face fines or prosecution.

School Contact Details:

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Email: admin@st-johns-catholic-pri.portsmouth.sch.uk
Website: www.stjohnscathedralschool.org.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs. L. Park
SENco: Mrs. A. Beaton
Bursar: Mrs. C. De Filippo

Useful Contact Numbers:

Childline: 0800 1111
Social Care: 02392 839111
St Mary's Treatment Centre: 0333 321 8277
Queen Alexandra Hospital: 02392 286000



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School Attendance

**Important Information
for Parents & Carers**

When Your Child is Absent:

Parents contact the school before 9.30 a.m on **02392 821055** on the first day of absence.

Please note that your child's absence will remain unauthorised until such a time that contact has been made and a suitable reason has been provided. Only the Head Teacher may authorise absence.

If the school does not hear from you, we will make contact by text or telephone to ascertain why your child is absent.

If we do not receive a response we may visit your home address.

If we cannot contact you, we may report it to social services or the police as it is a safeguarding concern.

If we have a concern over the levels of your child's attendance, you will be invited into the school to discuss this with the Head Teacher.

If attendance is still a concern legal action may be taken.



How Parents Can Help:

- ✓ Contact the school as soon as possible on first day of absence on **02392 821055**
- ✓ Send a written note back with your child confirming the reason of their absence from school
- ✓ Keep the school informed of any changes to your address or telephone numbers
- ✓ Do not allow your child to miss any days from school unnecessarily – birthdays, holidays, shopping
- ✓ Always attend meetings arranged for you at school
- ✓ When making a dental or medical appointment, please try to arrange these out of school hours so that your child does not miss out on their learning. Proof of appointments must be given to the front office if children are attending during the school day.

How Poor Attendance Can Affect Your Child:

- Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends and underachieve in examinations.

Of the pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school:

- Only 66% of pupils gained the expected standard in English or Mathematics at Key Stage 2, compared to 87% of pupils with over 95% attendance.
- Only 35% manage to go on to achieve five A* to C GCSE including English and Mathematics, compared to 73% of pupils with over 95% attendance.

Leave of Absence:

The Head Teacher can only authorise requests for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. **Holidays are not permitted during term time** and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.