

Is Regular Nursery

Attendance

Important?

Regular attendance means that your child can access many learning opportunities developing them cognitively, emotionally and improves their physical development

By attending nursery regularly your child is able to form friendships with their peers.

These friendships become stronger the more time the children spend together in the

Classroom.

It is important for your child to get used to coming to school and settle into a routine

as this helps them to prepare for starting full time school

Although it is not compulsory, Nursery attendance is important as it is the beginning of your child’s school journey.

If you know your child is going to be absent we have several ways that you can report it to the school

If you are due to take a holiday please complete a nursery holiday form, this is so that school have a record of your child's whereabouts for safeguarding reasons.

If your child is absent please call the school office to report this, can you please call on every day of the absence.

If we do not receive notification that your child is absent the school will endeavour to make contact with you to confirm your child's whereabouts.

**Also please inform us if your child has a medical appointment then we can authorise their absence with medical evidence.**

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| **Illness** | **When can I return to school?** |
| **Chicken Pox** | **Until all spots have crusted over** |
| **Scarlet Fever** | **24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment** |
| **Impetigo** | **Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment** |
| **Slapped cheek** | **Can remain at school unless unwell** |
| **Hand, Foot and Mouth** | **Can remain in school unless unwell** |
| **Diarrhoea and/or vomiting** | **Although the guidance states 48 hours after the last episode, school are happy for children to return as soon as the symptoms have stopped.** |
| **Conjunctivitis** | **Can remain in school** |
| **Head Lice** | **Can remain in school but we would expect that children are treated at home before they come into school.** |
| **Tonsillitis** | **Can remain in school but usually need antibiotics** |
| **Ear Infection** | **Can remain in school.** |
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**Illness: We would like to offer some guidance provided by NHS UK explaining how long your child needs to be absent from school. We appreciate that you will also use your own judgements as a parent/carer as to whether your child is well enough to attend school.**

**The table below shows the most common illnesses and infections and the recommended period of time to be absent from school. We would always recommend that if you are unsure or require further clarification to contact your GP or call 111.**

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