

Special Consideration in School

Inform school if your child has had hospital or surgical treatment and will be returning to school with stitches or a plaster cast or if they need to restrict activity in PE lessons, break times or lunchtimes. If your child has an ongoing illness we may invite you in to school to discuss this and set up a care plan.

Prescribed Medication

Some children are required to take prescribed medication during the school day. If this is the case parents will need to complete the appropriate form. School will only administer prescribed medicines. For further information and details regarding this process please contact the Academy.

Informing school of minor illness

If your child cannot attend school due to illness please contact the school before 9am on 01924 303655. Give the reason for the absence and how long you anticipate the absence to be. If your child has frequent absences you may be asked for medical evidence to support the absence such as an appointment card, medication, prescription etc.

Contact Details

Please ensure that your contact details, including home, mobile and work telephone numbers are up to date and that the school has an emergency contact number.

Help and Advice

For further help and advice you can talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Heath View Academy can also refer your child to the school nurse. If you require any more advice please call NHS 111, your local pharmacy, walk in centre or GP.

Absence Quick Guide

Child has a medical appointment or is considered too ill to attend.

Day 1 of absence- inform school before 9am of the reason and expected return date. Please get a medical card if any medical appointments are made.

Days 2- 4 of absence- Update the school on your child's progress, any medical advice given and confirmation of when your child will return to school.

Day 5 onwards- Keep updating the school on the progress of the child. Medical evidence may be requested from school.

Any child who has frequent absence due to illness will be offered a support plan and may be referred to the Education Welfare Service in Wakefield who can be contacted on 01924 307451 or by email ews@wakefield.gov.uk

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School Absence

A guide for parents on medical appointments and illness and what to do





Frequent absence is a serious problem for students as it disrupts learning. At Heath View Academy we will work with parents to ensure that student absence is kept to a minimum and provide support where genuine illness may become a barrier to learning, achievement and progress.

Things to consider

Think carefully before keeping your child off school for medical reasons. If they wake up saying they are unwell consider the symptoms that they have and whether it means they need to stay at home. Key questions should be

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?
- Would I take a day off if I had this condition?

Do not keep your child off school “just in case” when they could be in class learning with their friends.

If your child requires a medical appointment these should be made outside school hours where possible. If this is not possible please inform the Academy prior to the appointment.

Common conditions

Chicken Pox/ German measles- Children should be kept at home for the first 5 days from the rash.

Coughs & Colds- A child with a cough and cold should attend school.

Earache- Medical advice should be sought.

Headache- A child with headache does not normally need to absent from school but if it is more severe and accompanied by other symptoms then medical advice may be sought.

Rashes- Rashes can be a sign of infectious diseases so check with a pharmacist, practice nurse or GP before sending your child to school.

Toothache- Attendance should be maintained until a dentist can be seen.

Vomiting/diarrhoea- Children with these symptoms should remain at home for 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.

More serious conditions

Asthma- If your child has asthma the academy should be notified. Please refer to the Medical needs policy.

Broken bones- The academy will make arrangements, with medical advice, for children to attend school.

Eczema- Children should attend school whilst being treated. Absence should only be on the advice from the GP where the eczema is severe.

Impetigo- Medical advice should be sought. The child should be kept at home until the lesions are healed or crusted over.

Glandular Fever- There is no necessity to remain at home if the child feels well enough to attend school.

Scabies- A child should remain at home until treated. All members of the house should be treated.

Mumps- Children with mumps are most infectious before diagnosis but should be kept at home for 5 days of swollen glands

Flu- Remain at home while symptoms persist

No need for school absence

There is no need to be absent but treatment should be sought from a pharmacy.

- Athletes Foot
- Ringworm
- Cold sores
- Head Lice
- Verrucae/Warts
- Threadworms
- Tonsillitis