



Covid 19 Update to Attendance

The following additions to our policy have been made in light of guidance published by the Government regarding Covid 19 and the wider opening of school.

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools-july-2nd-2020>). All of the following expectations have been put in place to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

Gwladys Street C P and N School statement of Intent for Attendance.

From September 3rd 2020, it is **vital** that all children return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, well-being and wider development.

Missing more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Therefore, school attendance will be **mandatory** again from the beginning of the Autumn Term. This means, that all children should attend school unless they are too ill to do so or are self-isolating with COVID 19 symptoms.

It is also **essential** that children are **punctual** for start times to their respective classrooms, as this supports the Health and Safety procedures in school and **minimises risk** for all other children, parents/carers and staff.

Parents/Carers should note that school will be monitoring individual children's attendance from September 3rd 2020 and we will resume following the school's attendance and punctuality policy. We will begin to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with the Local Authority codes of conduct, for any pupils whose attendance falls below the expected level of 97%.

Please remember that **it is a parents /carers' legal duty** to ensure that their **child attends school daily**. It is crucial that parents/carers work in partnership with school to promote excellent attendance, which in turn leads to excellent progress and outcomes.

Times of the day:

School times of the day are staggered with different arrival and departure times for Health and Safety and Safeguarding reasons – these **MUST** be adhered to at this present time as no parent/carer is able to sign their child in late at the school office. The register will close by 10.30 am each morning.

If your child is ill – then you must ring school before 10 am and state the exact symptoms and reasons for your child’s absence. It is essential that you stay in contact with school at all times.

We encourage all parents/carers to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours as we try to ensure that parents/carers do not enter the school site until their pupil’s departure time.

COVID 19 absences

If a child shows symptoms of COVID 19 on site, parents will be informed immediately and be strongly advised to ring 119 and be tested. School will have access to some tests in school which may be available for pupils. Pupils **will not** be allowed to attend school unless the test is negative and evidence of this is emailed to the school office or a SLT member is able to verify it. If the pupil does not take a test then they will have to isolate for 7 days or 14 days if other members of the household develop symptoms.

Please note attendance will be monitored closely during this time and a log will kept by school for children self isolating. School work will be provided for by school during this time and children are expected to complete as part of their catch up program unless the child feels unwell.

SIMS codes

Code **Y** will be recorded for children self-isolating

Code **I** will be recorded for children who are ill.