

Help my child is ill!

Not all illnesses require your child to take time off school. This short guide may help you decide if your child should be off school and when it is safe for them to come back.

Unreasonable medical absences

Athletes foot

Conjunctivitis

Head lice

Threadworm



Reasonable medical absences

Sickness and diarrhoea (gastro virus)- 48 hours after last episode

Flu- as soon as they feel well your child can return to school.

Chicken pox, measles and German measles- 5 days after the rash has started

Whooping cough- 5 days from starting antibiotic treatment

Mumps- 5 days since onset of swollen glands

Scabies- until treated



Impetigo- until lesions are crusted or healed, or 2 days after starting antibiotics

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.



At St. Paul's Catholic Primary School we aim for all children to have 100% attendance

Useful Contact numbers

St. Paul's Catholic Primary School
02392 375488
School text number- 02380003322
absence@st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk

Child line 0800 1111

Social Care- 02392 839111

St. Mary's Treatment Centre- 0845 765551

Queen Alexandra Hospital- 02392 286000

Did you know.....

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



St. Pauls Catholic Primary School and Nursery

'Do everything with love'

Attendance Information

We all want our children to have a bright future.

Attending school every day means that they are more likely to get the results that they want and achieve now and in the future



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What happens....

Day one of absence

Parents contact the school as early as possible on 02392 375488 ext 206, text 02380003322, or email absence@st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk to let us know why your child is absent.

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.

We will phone you 3 times on the day of absence and if we do not receive a response we will visit your home address. If we cannot contact you, we will 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 Family Support Worker and the Headteacher.

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



Parent checklist

- Please contact the school as soon as possible on first day of absence
Tel: 02392 375488 ext 206
Text: 02380003322
Email: absence@st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk
- Send a written note back with your child on the day they return to the school explaining their absence, if you have not texted or emailed.
- Keep the school informed of any changes to your address or telephone numbers.
- Do not allow your child to miss any days off school unnecessarily- birthdays, holidays, shopping.
- Always attend meetings arranged for you at school.
- Talk to the Family Support Worker if you have any concerns about your child's attendance.



Poor attendance can lead to.....

- Falling behind with learning
- Less chance of a successful career or good job opportunities
- Loneliness
- Fewer friends
- Unsettled and unhappy children



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 (fine).