

Remember 3 days absence in a month due to illness would still mean your child may be counted as a persistent absentee.

If your child is ill and you are unsure whether they could be in school, ring and talk it through with the staff. If you need a medical appointment try and make it out of school hours.

Always notify the school if your child is absent due to illness and follow through with a note and any medical evidence explaining the reason for absence.



If we have reason to believe your child is absent without a genuine reason, we could take action or discuss your child with the Local Authority.

If your child is absent from school for longer than 2 days, we require medical evidence.

If your child is not going to be in school, remember to call us on the first day of absence on the phone number below:

Linda Saunders - Attendance Officer

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THE BIRKENHEAD PARK SCHOOL

ILLNESS & ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A guide for Parents

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Keeping your child in school

If your child is away from school for any reason it will have an impact on their learning.

There is a link between poor attendance and low levels of achievement. This can have an impact on the sort of job your child could get and the amount of money they can earn in a lifetime.

As a parent it is natural to want the best for your child and so you want to take care of them when they are ill.

However, we know that sometimes parents keep their children away from school when they do not need to.



When should my child stay off?

There is no need to keep your child away from school if they have:

Athlete's Foot, Cold Sores, Slapped Cheek Disease, Conjunctivitis, Glandular Fever, Head Lice, Hepatitis B/C, HIV/Aids, MRSA, Threadworms, Tonsillitis, Cold, Cough, Ringworm, Warts, Verrucae.

Make sure you get treatment for the conditions.

Keep your child at home with the following guidelines:

Illness	Return to school
Sickness & Diarrhoea	48 hours from the last bout of vomiting/diarrhoea
Whooping Cough	5 days from start of antibiotics 21 days from start if no antibiotics
Flu	Until recovered
Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash
German Measles	7 days from onset of rash
Scabies	After 1st treatment
Impetigo	48 hours after antibiotics or until lesions are healed

Keep your child healthy

Always get them to wash their hands:

- After using the toilet
- After playing with animals
- Before eating food

If they have a cold:

- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing
- Wash hands when they have used and got rid of a tissue
- Discourage spitting

If you have pets:

- Keep pet living areas clean
- Keep pets away from food preparation areas
- Wash hands after playing with your pet

For more medical information visit:
www.hpa.org.uk
