



### THANK YOU

*THANK YOU SO MUCH to the families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high. THANK YOU for getting these important habits established early on in your child's life as it will make a big difference to their futures.*

### Too ill to attend school?

As a school we understand it has been a very difficult and challenging time since Covid-19 but attendance and punctuality is still key. We want to remind you that you can still send your child to school with minor illnesses.

Children can attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat) and over the counter medicines can be given before school. It is harmful to a child's educational achievement to miss school regularly for minor illnesses such as colds, headaches or tummy aches. Although children may feel mildly under the weather they can often be well enough to attend school. To reassure you we can take his/her temperature at school and make a decision together whether or not they are well enough to remain in school. School will also contact you if they become too ill to remain in school.

Children should be off school for 48 hours if they have diarrhoea or vomiting.



If your child is ill, please take them to the doctors and bring in an appointment slip so we can make a copy for our records. You should phone school EVERY morning that your child is absent so that their attendance records are kept accurate and up to date. If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness speak to your child's school, your doctor or your pharmacist for advice.

### Routines

The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE. If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before.

#### Tips to help you get to school on time every day.

- Make sure your child understands why school is important
- Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school
- Get everything ready the night before school
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the schools holidays
- Set your alarm and your child's alarm clock, see who can beat the clock!
- Join breakfast club
- Catch an earlier bus or set off a little bit earlier if you walk

If you are concerned about your child's attendance please speak to the school to discuss your concerns. Mr Smart and Miss Woodward are here to support you with your child's attendance.