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Every Day at School Counts

As parents you are legally responsible for ensuring your children of school age receive a suitable full time education. The school keeps a computerised registration system in which children’s attendance details are marked at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session.

The table below shows you how important it is that all children have a good attendance to make sure they don’t miss any vital learning.

	Attendance Rate	Equivalent days attended	Days absence	Learning hours lost
Excellent	100%	190	0	0
Good	95%	180-189	1-10	5-55
Cause for concern	90-94.9%	171-179	11-19	55-95
Unsatisfactory	85-89.9%	161-170	20-29	100-145
Serious cause for concern	80-84%	152-160	30-38	150-190
Critical	79.9% and below	Less than 151	More than 39	More than 195

But what if my child is ill?

Of course children are ill on occasions and when this is the case we readily accept that being at home is the best place to be.

Children can’t help being ill and as a school we want all our children to be well and healthy to enable them to learn happily and confidently when they are here. However this traffic light system is a really useful guide to help you to decide when to send your child to school and when to keep them at home. **This advice has been taken from www.nhs.uk**

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STAY AT HOME

Raised temperature

Rashes: can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses such as chickenpox and measles. If your child has a rash, check with your GP before sending them to school.

Vomiting and diarrhoea: Children can return to school after 48 hours after the last bout.

AMBER

TAKE ADVICE

Headaches: A child with a minor headache does not usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms such as a raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep your child at home and consult your GP

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**GREEN
COME TO SCHOOL***

Mild cough

Mild cold, Sore throat (unless accompanied by a raised temperature)

Feeling tired

*We will contact you if your child deteriorates during the school day.

If your child is too unwell to attend school....

1. On the first day of absence and on each subsequent day, please phone the school on 917 9881 as soon as possible, but before 8.45am.
2. If a child is not in school for morning registration and no explanation has been received, the school will contact you by phone.

At Banks Road we say that Every Second of Every Minute of Every Day at School Counts

I hope this information shows how important it is that all children arrive on time and are ready to learn by 8.50 am every day.

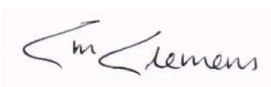
Did you know?

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 whole school days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent from school for 2 weeks a year.
- Starting the day rushed and arriving late makes it hard for children to settle in the classroom.
- Arriving late in the classroom can make children feel anxious or embarrassed.
- Children who arrive late also disrupt the other children in the classroom who are ready to start learning.

Please support the school in our aim to help your children achieve their full potential by bringing your child to school on time every day. We have an obligation to monitor lateness. Please be aware that after registers close, this counts as an unauthorised absence. We may contact you to follow up persistent lateness.

What you can do to help your child...

- Make sure your child comes to school regularly and punctually.
- If your child starts missing school, work with the school to put things right. Communication is very important.
- If your child is absent you must phone the school as soon as possible on the first morning of absence and on each subsequent day of absence. After registration, if we have not had contact from you, the school will contact you. Staff will be concerned if there is no response.
- If you feel it is essential for your child to miss school, for example a religious festival or other special occasion, please complete an absence request form, at least 14 days prior to the event.
- Please support us in our efforts to encourage good attendance.



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