

## **Setting work when pupils are absent**

Attendance rates in schools continue to be a national, governmental concern, and we therefore monitor our attendance figures regularly. Good attendance in school has a direct correlation with good achievement. We ask that parents support their child by ensuring that they come to school every day, to ensure consistency in their teaching. Our Pastoral team is working hard to ensure that all pupils are in school, every day, accessing their curriculum with their teachers to ensure the best outcomes

Our curriculum is designed to be delivered by a teacher so is not always suitable for pupils to complete at home, particularly when they are unwell. We would prefer for pupils to rest and recuperate, and then complete any missed work upon their return to school. However, if a pupil is isolating due to Covid-19 and feels well enough, the form teacher can arrange for some work to be set.

On some occasions, pupils have asked to go home from school if they have a headache or if they have a stomach ache. Although we cannot provide pain relief medication in school, you may wish to provide us with some medication and a permission form so that we can administer this at school. In many cases, this will enable your child to remain in school and will help to maintain their attendance record.

Many parents are concerned that their child will miss work when unwell or will struggle to catch up with the work. Although we understand this, our experience shows us that pupils are better to rest, recover, return to school and then catch up on work. This way, they have the benefit of staff support when completing work and will undoubtedly be better prepared to learn when feeling well.

Please be aware of the following when requesting work for your child:

The teachers will do their best to set work, but please remember that they are also teaching the children in school. You may not receive the work at the start of the lesson and it may in fact be after the lesson when the teacher knows how much work the others have completed. The teacher may be on duty or be teaching from then on, so the work may not be sent to you until after school.

Some teachers may not set work and may instead, arrange a time for your child to meet with them and catch up on the work upon their return.

The class work may not be suitable for home learning e.g. an experiment in Science, a play rehearsal in Drama. In these cases, the teacher will make you aware that the work is not compatible with home learning so your child will be able to catch up in the next lesson instead. In these cases, we advise pupils to read through the text book to recap on previous learning. Time could also be spent learning vocabulary for languages or key words for Humanities subjects.

Please note that work may be sent by email to your child's school email account or via their Teams account.

If a group of pupils go on a school trip, the pupils should let their teacher know in advance and should find the teacher on their return to ask for the work that they have missed.

**It is requirement for schools to set work when pupils are isolating due to Covid. This includes them isolating whilst awaiting a test result, isolating when positive and isolating if identified as a close contact.**