

When should my child return to school?

Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*	

Above is a guide of how many days a child needs to stay off for the most common reasons. Where it says none this means as long as your child feels well enough, they should come in. If a child tests positive for COVID it is recommended that they stay off school for 3 days.

How We Record Absence

Absences are recorded as authorised or unauthorised. If a child is too ill to come to school, parents must inform school before the register closes at 9am and they will receive an authorised absence mark. A child who is not in school and whose parents/carers have not contacted school regarding the absence will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

An unauthorised mark will also be recorded if the nature of the absence was unacceptable. If the number of unauthorised absences for a child reaches 20 Sessions (10 days = 20 sessions) in a term the Local Authority expect the school to refer to the Education Welfare Officer.

Attendance Targets

Outstanding attendance is 100%.

Good attendance is any attendance between 96% and 99%.

Cause for concern attendance is between 90% and 95% and will be closely monitored.

Poor attendance is any attendance below 90% and will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.

You will receive a letter and a target if your child's attendance goes below 95%.

Appointments

Wherever possible appointments should be made outside school hours. If this is not possible please inform the school office. Your child must return to school after the appointment.

Holidays

No holidays should be taken during school time and all requests for holidays will be classed as an unauthorised absence. Any holidays over 5 days will receive a fixed penalty notice.

Every day counts but so does every minute. Did you know...?



The register closes at 9.15am. Any child coming in between 8.50am and 9.15am will be marked late. If a child comes in after the register closes it is marked as unauthorised absence.

St Martin’s Policy is to be an attendance HERO

