

what is walton oak's view on attendance?



Under the Education Act of 1996, 'the parent is responsible for making sure their child receives a full-time education. If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence.' Failure to ensure a child receives their educational needs results in a series of fines and prosecutions for the parent.

We believe, and research shows, that children who attend school regularly are given the greatest opportunity to learn. develop their skills and to thrive.



Children who frequently miss school are less likely to achieve their full potential.

The more time a child spends around other children, whether in the classroom or as or club, the more chance they have of making friends and feeling included. boosting social skills. confidence and self-



part of a school team esteem.

All of these skills

contribute to ensuring

every child is able to discover confidence.

develop independence and build resilience so that each individual child realises their

own unique value and

can thrive both in our community and

beyond.

Child with No absence compared to child who has less than 90% attendance

Did you know?



times more likely to achieve age-related expectations or above



times more likely to achieve greater depth

Figures taken from DfE report March 2016

Year Group

Arrival from

if arriving after

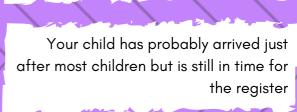
**UNAUTHORISED** ABSENCE' if arriving after





what difference does arriving a few minutes late make to my child?





Your child has arrived in time to settle

well and has the best possible start to

their day



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9:00am to

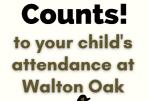
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9:05am to

9:10am

9:00am

Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. Being late, even if only a few minutes, can leave a child (of any age) feeling unsettled and can impact on their whole day



**Every Minute** 

5 minutes may not seem very long but the days lost impact is



a year

10 minutes late a day results in days lost



15 minutes late a day equals



We know children get sick and parents often ask 'what is too sick for school?' Here are a few guidelines to help you make a decision as often children can still come to school even if they are feeling a little under the weather.

Be assured, your child's welfare is our priority and if we think your child is too unwell for school we will call for you to collect them. What's 'Too sick' for school?





I have a runny nose or just a little cough



My throat's a little sore but I'm managing with some medicine to help me



My temperature is normal



I haven't been sick or had any diarrhoea in the last 48 hours

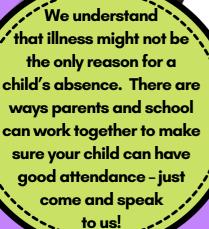


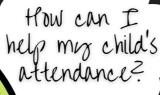


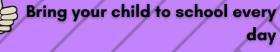
I have a high temperature that can't be reduced by taking medicine



I'm being sick or have diarrhoea or I have done in the last 48 hours









Contact school on the first day your child is ill



Collect your child on time



Make medical appointments out of school hours



Take holidays during the school holidays



Contact a member of staff such as our HSLW if you are having problems getting your child to school

Does my child need to be absent from school?

It can be difficult to know if a particular illness means your child has to be absent from school. Below we list the most **common illnesses** your child may have and what to do using advice from the Public Health Agency.



Sometimes your child may have a sore throat or slight temperature that is easily solved by taking some Calpol. Our school office is able to give your child Calpol during the school day to enable them to attend school. We do however, ask parents to supply Calpol if their child requires it. The school office have a supply for ad hoc emergency use only.

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	Illness 📥	MUST my child be kept off school?	How long for?
	Chickenpox		Until new spots stop appearing and they have all crusted over
	Hand, foot & mouth		Your child can come to school even if not all blisters have healed
\	Impetigo		Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics
	Ringworm		Anti-fungal cream treatment can take place outside of school hours
	Slapped Cheek		No longer infectious by the time the rash appears so can come to school if feeling well
	Diarrhoea and/or vomiting		48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
	Influenza ('flu')	<b>PIPS</b>	Until feeling better
	Conjunctivitis		If your child's eyes are just sore and red but not weepy they can still come to school.
	Head lice		Any live lice can be treated outside of school hours
	Tonsillitis		Your child's glands can be swollen but still come to school if they otherwise feel well