



# The Crescent Primary School

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## Whole School Attendance Awareness

Dear Parent/Carers,

As part of our regular review of attendance levels, we will be writing to Parents/Carers whose children's attendance has fallen to below 90% and who are therefore classed as persistent absentees. Please note these letters are not meant to cause alarm or distress and instead are to make you aware of your child's current attendance.

Regular attendance is extremely important as missing school can disadvantage a child by creating gaps in their learning. Research has shown that children who attend school regularly have better academic outcomes, develop healthy life habits, and are more likely to achieve well. By attending school regularly, it also allows children to build and maintain strong relationships with their peers and teachers, foster a sense of belonging, as well as enabling them to fully engage in our wide range of extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, and enrichment programs.

We know that sometimes children do not attend school because they are genuinely unwell and keeping them off is the right thing to do. It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. NHS guidance is clear; children can attend school with minor ailments for example toothache, headache, stomach ache, minor cough, sore throat or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature. Over the counter medicines can be given before school, we will of course contact you if they deteriorate and agree the appropriate action to take. Further guidance on whether children should be kept off school can be found here: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health-articles/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Please be advised, where possible non-urgent medical or dental appointments are to be made outside of school hours. If this is not possible, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance and supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter.

If your child is experiencing challenges that make regular attendance difficult, please speak to us so we can help. We offer our full support with any attendance issues.

We appreciate your continued support in giving your child the best opportunities through good attendance at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wartnaby  
Headteacher

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