



CONCORDIA ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Attendance and Illness

With the winter months approaching fast and the weather due to get colder, there will be the inevitable onset of bugs and illnesses to contend with. In light of this, we wanted to remind you all of the importance of good school attendance and the impact this has on your child's learning. There is a proven link between good school attendance and achievement.

If your child is ill and they need to stay at home, please only keep them off for as long as absolutely necessary but make sure you adhere to the school's policy and the NHS guidance. We have added some helpful shortcuts below:

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, you should keep them off school until it goes away. This should be a minimum of 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal without the aid of medication.

If you are unsure of whether to keep them off, how long they should be off for or when to send them back, the NHS provides a guideline which you will be able to view by following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

You can also download the Havering Guidance on Infection Control as a pdf document:

<https://www3.havering.gov.uk/Documents/Childcare/ChildcareServices2.pdf>.

Please send your child to school as much as you possibly can and be assured that if they are unwell, we will look after them here and send them home if necessary. A general cough and cold alone is not a reason your child should be off school.

Whilst we do our best to ensure the guidance is adhered to, if we are not given the correct information from parents there is little else we can do. Please make sure you inform the school of any illness your child has or any symptoms you have seen and follow the supplied guidance as to whether they should attend school. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

