



# Stanbury Village School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the winter months, we want to take a moment to talk about the importance of regular school attendance and how we can all work together to keep our pupils healthy and learning.

Winter often brings an increase in common illnesses, and we understand that deciding whether your child should stay home can sometimes be challenging. The NHS offers clear guidance on when children are well enough to attend school. Generally, mild illnesses such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough do not require time off unless your child has a temperature. As parents, you know your child best, and we want to support you in making informed decisions about attendance.

**NHS Guidance:** <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

At school, we have put in place several measures to reduce the spread of illnesses, including enhanced cleaning routines and promoting good hygiene practises among pupils and staff.

We aim for all pupils to achieve at least **95% attendance as their target**. Missing just a few days of school can have a significant impact on your child's learning and progress. Research shows that pupils with higher attendance rates tend to achieve better academically and have improved wellbeing. Regular attendance ensures your child benefits fully from the curriculum and the wider opportunities school offers.

We also recognise that some pupils may face additional barriers to attendance, such as those with long-term medical conditions or special educational needs. We are committed to working closely with families to provide the necessary support and reasonable adjustments to help all pupils access their full-time education.

We kindly remind you to book medical and dental appointments outside of school hours where possible. If this isn't feasible, please bring your child to school before the appointment and return them afterwards if they are well enough.



Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning and well-being, and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain a healthy and thriving school community. Should you have any questions or concerns about attendance or your child's health, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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