

Thames View Infants



Attendance Matters

We all have a job to do in getting our children to School each day.
The more your child attends School, the better chances they'll have in later life.

If your child will be absent for any reason at all, we ask you to call [020 8270 4317](tel:02082704317) by 10am on each and every day of their absence. We work in partnership with our families to manage illnesses and help minimise disruption to your child's learning.



Bring your child to School Every Day!

We reward good attendance. We run various attendance competitions across the year:

- Every day Ray is rewarded to the class with the best attendance for the week
- Attendance gifts are given every term to each child in the class with the best attendance
- Children win bikes at our 100% attendance assemblies
- Vouchers are awarded to those with the most improved attendance
- A VIP visit to the cinema with the Headteacher for children with 100% attendance all year!

What is Good Attendance?



Although attending for '90%' of the time sounds high, it's actually very low.

Over a child's educational career, the missed 10% could amount to losing a whole academic year of schooling.

We report anyone lower than 90% to the DfE as a 'Persistent Absentee'.

Not attending school regularly can be very damaging to a child's education. Statistically, it is the children with higher attendance that get better exam grades and are more likely to get a good job in later life.

Children find it increasingly more difficult to 'catch up' with the work they have missed if they are absent regularly.

Children with poor attendance have trouble feeling included within school life and tend to have difficulties forming friendships.

As a general rule, if your child is in bed all day and lethargic, it is acceptable for them to be absent from School. Once your child is on the mend, even if they are not 100% better, we would much rather you send your them into School when they are a little bit poorly. This will help build your child's resilience and reduce the disruption to their learning. If we find that your child is too poorly to be in School, we will of course inform you to collect them. We can also help administer medicines, such as Calpol or prescribed antibiotics.

What if my child is unwell?

If your child is really very poorly then they should stay at home and recover in bed. Generally speaking, we say that if they are well enough to be "up and about" at home, children are usually well enough to be in school. For example:



Red – Stay at home

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Chicken Pox
- COVID
- Scarlet Fever

Amber – if you are not sure, call us for advice

- Your child may need to come in late or be collected earlier until they feel better
- We can help administer medicine

Green – Come to School

- Mild cough
- Colds
- Sore throats
- Tummy ache
- Headache
- Feeling tired
- Late night

Can children come to School with a high temperature?

A high temperature is the body's natural response to fighting infections like coughs and colds.

A high temperature is generally 37.5C or more. Many things can cause a high temperature in children, from common childhood illnesses like chickenpox and tonsillitis, to vaccinations.

How do I know if my child has a high temperature?

Use a thermometer. If your child is hot to touch, this does not necessarily mean that they have a high temperature.



Your child's temperature can be raised if they overheat simply because of too much bedding or clothing. If the environment is warm, you could help your child to stay at a comfortable temperature by covering them with a lightweight sheet or opening a window.



Symptoms of a high temperature:

Your child might:

- feel hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest
- feel sweaty
- feel more tired than usual
- look or feel unwell



What to do if your child has a high temperature:

- give them plenty of fluids
- give them food if they want it
- check on your child regularly during the night
- give them paracetamol
- seek medical advice if the temperature has not decreased after a few days
- if unsure, contact your pharmacy, GP & 111 for advice or always 999 in an emergency

Arrive on Time!

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day. Being a 'little bit late' may not seem much but...

When they are only Late by...	that equates to...	which is...	and over 13 years of schooling, that's...
5 minutes per day	25 minutes per week	Nearly 5 days a year	1 quarter of a year!
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks a year	Half a year!
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 per week	Over 2.5 weeks a year	Nearly a whole year!
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks a year	Almost one & a half years!

8:45am

The school day begins. Children read with their teacher and practise phonics.

8:50am

Classroom doors close and registers are taken. If your child is arriving after this point then you will need to go through the school office and it will be marked as 'L' for arriving late.

8:51am onwards

Your child has missed their first lesson of the day. You will need to go through the school office and it will be marked as 'L' for arriving late.

Take holidays during holiday time!

All family holidays must be taken during published school holidays. The school will not grant permission for any family holidays during term time. This includes visiting relatives overseas, renewing passports or religious pilgrimages. If you take unauthorised leave, you will risk:



- A Fixed Penalty Notice (a fine) per adult AND per child (even if other children attend a different school).
- Losing your child's school place.
- Re-registering with the Local Authority for a new school place.

Help us make your child as clever as possible!

- Ensure your child arrives to school on time
- Book appointments outside of school time
- If your child has been a bit under the weather, tell their class teacher, and we'll keep a special eye on them
- Don't book holidays during Term-Time
- Make sure your child has a good morning and bedtime routine
- Trust us to look after your child, the best we can
- We can administer medicines and arrange for you to meet with the School Nurse
- Do not keep your child off of School if you – as the Parent – are feeling unwell.

