Ashford Church of England
Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the winter months, we are seeing the usual increase in seasonal illnesses such as coughs, colds and minor viral infections. We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of regular school attendance and the positive impact this has on children's learning, wellbeing and friendships.

Every day in school matters. Missing time at school can make it harder for children to keep up with learning, build confidence and maintain strong relationships with their peers. Good attendance supports children in developing positive routines and helps them make the most of the opportunities available to them at school.

We understand that it can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child is well enough to attend school. The NHS guidance, **"Is my child too ill for school?"**, advises that children can often continue to attend school with minor illnesses such as colds, coughs, a sore throat or a runny nose, provided they are otherwise well enough to take part in their normal activities.

We encourage all parents and carers to follow this guidance when making decisions about attendance. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Of course, if your child has a significant illness, fever, sickness, diarrhoea or another condition that makes them genuinely unwell, they should remain at home until they are fit to return. In cases of vomiting or diarrhoea, NHS guidance recommends children stay away from school until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours.

As shared with you at the beginning of the year, if your child's attendance falls below 90% this is closely monitored by our Attendance Officer from the Local Authority and could lead to formal meetings and procedures to improve attendance.

By working together to maintain strong attendance, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, thrive and achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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