



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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Attendance Newsletter

At Dashwood Banbury Academy, we take pride in the good attendance of our pupils. Good attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's ability to succeed in school so we expect each child to attend at least 96% of the academic year.

Attendance Ladder



Every minute counts

We expect every child to arrive on time by 08.50 and the gates will be shut by 08.52. When a child is late they miss registration and have to walk into class by themselves while everyone is settled. This can cause distress and lead to an unsettled day. Younger children arriving late may also miss essential phonics lessons which start at 9 am.



Attendance letters

In term 2 we will be sending attendance letters to parents/carers whose child has less than 90% attendance. Some parents may find these letters worrying but they are an important part of helping us identify any support we can put in place to help them reach the expected 96% by the end of the year. The attendance ladder above shows that this figure can only be reached if a child has less than 7 days off a year, so every day counts. If your child's attendance is below 80%, you will be invited in for an attendance meeting so that we can support you and your child with their attendance. Please feel free to come and speak to a member of the leadership team for support at any time.

Holidays

Any application for a planned term-time absence must be made in writing to the Principal, Sarah Gordon-Weeks. We do not authorise any time off for term-time holidays and any families taking term-time holidays will be referred to Oxfordshire County Council for a penalty notice. Please see our whole school letter for more information [here](#).

Sickness

We do not expect children to attend school if they are very unwell, however some parents find that their children feel better as the days goes on. If this happens, please call the school and we can arrange for your child to come into school for the afternoon.

Below is a chart of common childhood illnesses and the recommended isolation. If your child has a cold, please consider giving them calpol and sending them into school. We will contact you if they need to come home.

HSC Public Health Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhea & /or Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Respiratory Illness (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	German Measles (Rubella) 5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Scabies Until after first treatment	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Welfare Visits

This year a higher than usual number of children did not return to school as expected after the summer holidays. It is really important that we see children following any school holidays. The leadership team will now be conducting home visits for any child that doesn't return to school as expected, even if parents call to say their child is unwell; we want to check that everyone is ok and put any support in place if needed. We will aim to visit families on the 2nd or 3rd day of absence and will let you know that we are coming.

We are here to help!

Sometimes children have worries about coming to school, some families may find it difficult to find transport or physically get their child to school. Katy Bennett, our Welfare and Inclusion Manager is always available to support families with any issue. You can contact Katy by calling 01295 263240 or by coming into the office.

Thank you for your support.