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## Attendance

Target Met Term 3								
GROUP	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	SCHOOL
2015 – 2016	94.59%	94.47%	95.20%	96.21%	97.39%	97.63%	97.24%	96.56%
2016 – 2017	97.14%	96.73%	98.57%	99.81%	97.64%	94.67%	98.89%	97.37%
2017 – 2018 SO FAR	87.15%	97.07%	97.64%	93.06%	97.22%	94.29%	96.13%	95.54%
Week 1	87.50%	100.0%	96.67%	100.0%	90.48%	100.0%	92.86%	95.69%
Week 2	89.74%	100.0%	89.00%	100.0%	88.57%	78.89%	80.00%	87.91%

THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%

## ILLNESS

Many children in school were suffering with a range of illnesses last week. Attendance figures reflect the high levels of absence, and for some individual children these are now falling into the category called persistent absence. There is still some misunderstanding about persistent absences so:

- In Lincolnshire, any attendance figure below 85.0% is classed as persistent and fixed penalties could be issued
- Schools are expected to provide attendance information for the Local Authority when attendance for any child falls to 85.0%
- The Local Authority makes the decision to issue the fixed penalty, or not, on an individual basis and all money raised by the penalty is paid directly to them.

Medical appointments for on – going medical conditions are authorised absences.

If your child is ill and evidence has been provided of a visit to the doctor then this can be authorised absence. We have spoken to the Practice at Crowland and they will provide appointment cards for planned and emergency appointments **if parents just ask**. Alternatively, if parents give us their permission to do so, the school can ring the practice to confirm that an appointment has been made. Copies of labels on prescribed medication also count as evidence.

The expectation of all Local Authorities is that children will attend school 100% of the time unless they are ill. Mrs Ecob works conscientiously to make sure that absences through illness are authorised so that parents are not faced with fixed penalties of £60 per parent for each child.

We know that sickness and diarrhoea cannot be evidenced but these usually clear in 2 days. However, serial bouts should be investigated by a doctor.

## HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH

There have been identified cases of hand, foot and mouth and so we are providing the link to the NHS website for your information. If in any doubt, please seek further medical advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

It's not always possible to avoid getting hand, foot and mouth disease, but following the advice below can help stop the infection spreading.

- **Use tissues to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze** and put used tissues in a bin as soon as possible.
- **Wash your hands with soap and water often** – particularly after going to the toilet, coughing, sneezing or handling nappies, and before preparing food.
- **Avoid sharing cups, utensils, towels and clothes** with people who are infected.
- **Disinfect any surfaces or objects that could be contaminated** – it's best to use a bleach-based household cleaner.
- **Wash any bedding or clothing that could have become contaminated** separately on a hot wash.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER

An order will be placed on Friday 22 January for anyone wishing to order school uniform.