Attendance Newsletter

November 2026



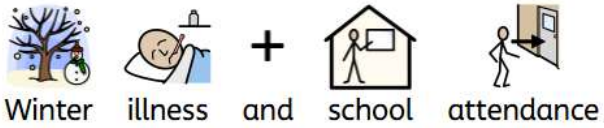
Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and hear about the children's holiday activities and adventures. As we move through the autumn season and towards the festive period, regular attendance remains a key priority, as every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities and helps children to make the best possible progress.

Thank you for your continued support, and we are excited for all that Term 2 will bring.

Winter illnesses and school attendance

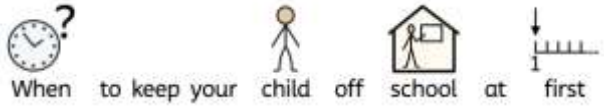


As we move into the winter months, coughs, colds and other seasonal illnesses become more common. We understand that deciding whether your child is well enough to attend school can sometimes be difficult.
In most cases, children can attend school with a mild cough, cold, sore throat or runny nose, provided they do not have a high temperature.

Children can usually attend school if they have:

- ✅ A mild cold or runny nose
- ✅ A cough
- ✅ A sore throat without a fever
- ✅ Mild tummy discomfort that has passed
- ✅ Hay fever or allergies
- ✅ Minor aches and pains

When to keep your child off school at first



High temperature: Keep your child off school if they have a temperature of 38ºC or more. They can return once the fever goes away.

Vomiting and diarrhoea: Keep your child home until they have not vomited or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.

If your child has been sick (vomited) due to a tummy bug, they should remain at home and return to school 48 hours after their last episode of sickness. However, vomiting can sometimes be caused by persistent coughing rather than a tummy bug. If your child is otherwise well, please contact the school to discuss their individual circumstances.

Infectious illnesses such as measles, chickenpox, impetigo and scarlet fever.

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We know it can be difficult to decide whether your child is well enough to attend school. Please refer to the attached UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS guidance, which explains when children should stay at home and when they can attend.

Many common illnesses, such as coughs, colds, head lice and hand, foot and mouth disease, do not require absence if a child is otherwise well. Following this guidance helps reduce the spread of infection while supporting good attendance and learning.

If you are ever unsure whether your child should attend school, please contact the school office. We are happy to discuss individual circumstances and provide advice. Together, we can ensure children attend school whenever possible while also protecting the health of our school community.



Updated Attendance Policy



We are pleased to share that our updated Attendance Policy is now available for parents and carers. The policy outlines our approach to promoting good attendance, supporting families and ensuring that every child has the best possible opportunity to learn and thrive through regular school attendance.

A copy of the policy can be found on the school website under the Policies section https://www.belmontprimary.com/policies-documents We encourage all families to take a few minutes to read it and familiarise themselves with the expectations and support available. If you would prefer a paper copy, please pop into the school office and we will be happy to provide one free of charge. Together, we can continue to work in partnership to ensure every child is **Here, Every day, Ready and On time (HERO)**.