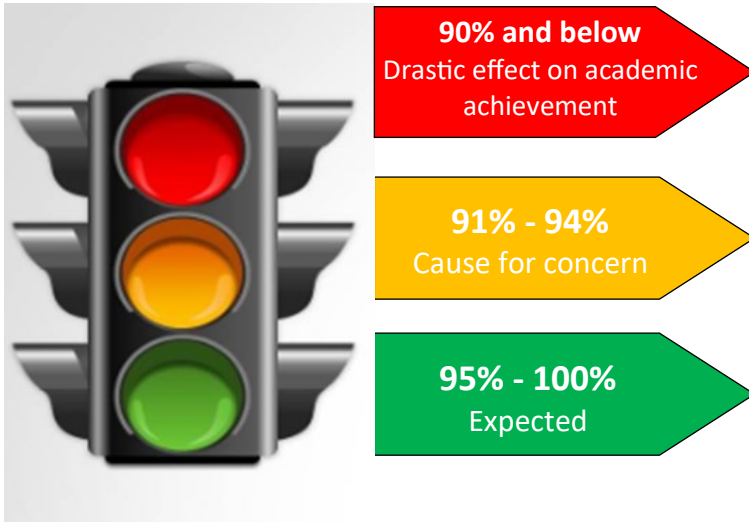




ATTENDANCE

Is my child too ill for school?



Please report your child's absence by 9.15 am either by calling the school office - (01476) 567939 or via our absence email : pupilabsence@belmont.lincs.sch.uk



Useful website

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Children get colds and headaches, but they do not always need to miss a full day of school. Try getting them to eat something, drink plenty of water or if necessary give a suitable medication according to the pack or GP instructions.

If they feel better later on, bring them to school, even if they have missed the morning – just give us a quick call to let us know when to expect you. It is better to send your child to school. If we feel they are too unwell to stay, we will send them home.

Missing a lot of school because of ill health can have a big impact not only on your child's education, but also on how they feel about school. It may affect their confidence, make them feel socially isolated and they may feel nervous about going back to school.

If you do keep your child at home, it is important to phone school by 9.15am on the day of the absence to let us know the reason for the absence.

Whenever possible, try not to book medical appointments during the school day. If you can't avoid it, ask us in advance for a leave of absence and collect your child as close to the time of the appointment as possible. Please return your child to school for the rest of the school day afterwards.

You may be asked to provide medical evidence for other absences. We know that is not easy to get a note from the GP. Evidence can be in the form of an appointment card, prescription or prescribed medication (labelled and dated).