Attendance Update November 2026

Working Together for Great Attendance!

We know that children can experience minor illnesses from time to time, particularly during the winter months. Where your child is well enough to attend, coming into school helps them to keep learning, stay connected with their friends and maintain their usual routine.

The NHS guidance can help you decide whether your child is well enough to come into school or would be better cared for at home.

We really appreciate your support in helping your child attend school as regularly as possible, while also making sure they have time to recover when they are genuinely unwell.

Is my child too ill for school?

(Winter Health Guidance)



It can be tricky to decide whether to keep your child home when they wake up feeling under the weather.

• Mild colds and coughs. Children with a minor runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough can usually attend school as long as they do not have a high temperature.

• High temperatures. If your child has a fever, please keep them at home until their temperature returns to normal without medication.

• Sickness and diarrhoea. Children must stay off school for 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

• NHS guidance. If you are unsure, you can check the NHS Is My Child Too Ill for School Guide for clear advice on common winter illnesses.

Find out more: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Being Prepared for Winter Weather

Cold mornings and dark afternoons can make the school run harder, so a little preparation helps avoid late marks and absences.

- Warm clothing. Please send your child with a warm, waterproof coat, hat, and gloves every day. Remember to label all items clearly.
- Allow extra travel time. Frosty windscreens, icy pavements, and heavier traffic can cause delays. Leaving 10 minutes earlier helps ensure your child arrives on time for registration.

School closures. We always aim to stay open during bad weather. If severe snow or ice forces a closure, we will notify you on the school website.

More attendance information can be found on the parent tab of the school website. https://www.blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk/Parents/ATTENDANCE/