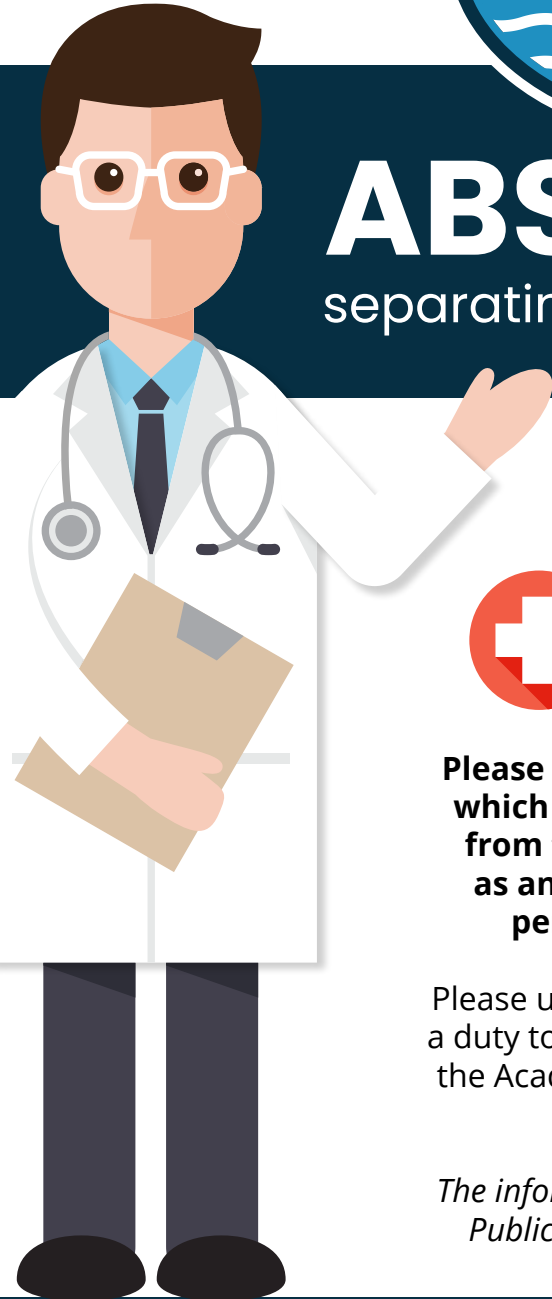




# ABSENCES

separating fact from myths



**Please read the advice inside about which illnesses require time away from the Academy and what we, as an Academy, are able to give permission for (authorise).**

Please understand parents/carers have a duty to report every absence, but only the Academy decide if the absence will be authorised.

*The information is largely taken from the Public Health Agency schools advice.*

Illness	Fact	Myth
<b>Cough/Cold</b>	We do NOT authorise absences for coughs or colds. We expect children to attend every day. Ensure they have plenty fluids and some tissues, any medication needed can be signed in to reception to be given.	Children need to be absent until they feel better.
<b>Flu</b>	Children are able to return once they feel better. They can return with a cough, runny nose or sore throat with no issue.	Children need to be absent until they are fully recovered.
<b>Sickness/ diarrhoea</b>	We accept children back in school on the day following the last spell of sickness or diarrhoea. We are unable to authorise absence for more than 42 hrs without medical evidence.	Minimum of 72hrs
<b>Chickenpox</b>	As soon as the spots have crusted over the children are expected to return to school.	Children need to absent until the spots have cleared
<b>Hand, foot and mouth</b>	Children can attend school as normal unless directed specifically by a medical professional.	Children need to be absent
<b>Impetigo</b>	Children are to return to school once it has formed a crust or 48hrs after antibiotic treatment, whichever is sooner.	Children need to be absent
<b>Measles</b>	Children are to return to school 4 days after the onset of the rash as they are no longer contagious.	Children need to be absent
<b>Ringworm</b>	No absence is required, treatment is required.	Children need to be absent

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Scabies	As soon as first treatment is administered a child can return to school.	Children need to be absent
Scarlet fever	A child can be back in school 24hrs after treatment has begun.	Children need to be absent
Slapped cheek	A child is to be in school once the rash has developed.	Children need to be absent
Shingles	A child should only be absent with shingles if the rash is weeping and cannot be covered.	Children need to be absent
Conjunctivitis	Children do NOT need to be absent with the condition	Children need to be absent
Glandular fever	Children do NOT need to be absent with the condition	Children need to be absent
Head lice	Children do NOT need to be absent with the condition, treatment must be given if live lice seen.	Children need to be absent
Mumps	Children must be absent for 5 days following the onset of the swelling, school would expect this to be diagnosed by a GP	Children need to be absent
Threadworm	Children do NOT need to be absent with the condition, treatment must be given to the family.	Children need to be absent

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<b>Tonsillitis</b>	Children do NOT need to be absent with the condition, treatment should be sought for any complications. Medication can be administered via reception in school.	Children need to be absent
<b>Stress/ anxiety</b>	School can and will look after children who are struggling and will work closely with parents to ensure an effective plan of support is in place.	Children need to be absent
<b>Broken bones/ muscle injury requiring pots, crutches, bandages and dressings</b>	Once treatment from a hospital or specialist is complete then children can return to school where individual support will be planned.	Children need to be absent

## GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact Mrs. Fletcher, Attendance Officer, at the school.