

WORKING TOGETHER FOR EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

At Oxhey First School, we know that children achieve their very best when they are in school, on time and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best possible start to every day!



Arriving on Time Matters

The school day starts promptly and important learning begins straight away. Children who arrive late can miss key instructions, morning routines and valuable learning opportunities.

We completely understand that occasional lateness can happen due to unexpected circumstances. However, where possible, we ask families to make small adjustments to routines to help children arrive on time every day.

Even a few minutes late each day can quickly add up to a significant amount of lost learning across the school year.



Coughs, Colds and Minor Illnesses

We have seen an increase in seasonal coughs and colds recently.

Where possible, children should still attend school with minor illnesses such as coughs, colds or minor ailments. Being in school helps children maintain routines, friendships and learning progress.

Our staff can often support children throughout the day through:

- ✓ Agreed medication arrangements
- ✓ Additional monitoring and reassurance
- ✓ Temporary adjustments where needed



If you are unsure whether your child should attend school, please contact the school office for advice before keeping them at home.



Holidays During Term Time

We understand that families sometimes face difficult decisions when arranging holidays and family events.

We need families to consider the following when planning holidays

- ✓ Booking during school holiday periods
- ✓ Choosing less popular travel dates
- ✓ Exploring alternative destinations which may be more affordable during holiday periods



Missing school affects learning, attendance and children's opportunities to build upon prior knowledge alongside their classmates.



Important Reminder

The school is required to follow Local Authority attendance guidance.

Attendance records are regularly reviewed and schools are challenged regarding absence levels and missed learning.

Since this guidance was introduced, no term-time holidays have been authorised.

Whilst some absences are unavoidable, requests for leave during term time should be avoided wherever possible.



Thank You

Thank you for working in partnership with us. Your support with attendance and punctuality helps ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive.

Every lesson counts. Every day counts. Every child counts.