



ATTENDANCE:



What the Government says...

The Government has announced that from Monday 8th March it is mandatory for all children to attend school. Northfield's Attendance and Punctuality Policy will once more become effective on Monday 8th March (<https://nsmacademy.com/policies>).

As outlined by the Government, as parents/carers your legal duty of care is to ensure that your child(ren) attends school regularly.

Schools have a legal responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence.



We aim to work with our home settings to avoid issuing sanctions such as fixed penalty notices.

We have been advised that the only exceptions are those related to circumstances where pupils cannot attend school due to the pandemic.

Such reasons include:

Those children who still have to shield due to their clinically extremely vulnerable category and significant medical needs.



In this instance please contact Mrs Tindsley to provide a copy of the shielding letter and to discuss how home learning will be upheld along with remote mentoring and support.

Self isolating due to the fact the family have come into direct contact with the coronavirus.





You have been instructed to self-isolate for 10 days.

Your child or a family member within your immediate support bubble are symptomatic and or testing for the coronavirus.



You have completed tests and you are waiting for the results.

Your child or a family member in the home setting have a confirmed case of the coronavirus.



You have been instructed to self-isolate for 10 days.

You have been instructed to isolate by the school.



This is due to a positive test result in the class bubble and the school has instructed you to self-isolate for 10 days.

You have been instructed to isolate due to travel related reasons.



In the instance where you have had to travel for exceptional circumstances you are expected to isolate in line with travel guidance. We strongly encourage you to have a family holiday during the school holiday periods, in order to avoid further disruption to your child's learning.

We understand that there are parents and carers who are clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable who are continuing to shield. In this instance you should have received the Department of Health Guidance Letter in January where we understand you were prioritised for the vaccination programme, hopefully you are now vaccinated.



Children who live with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable should still attend school.

Information for parents/carers is available from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-resources-parents-carers>.



If you have any concerns or worries about attending school during peak times, please contact Mrs Tindsley or Mrs Freeman, where alternative arrangements can be made to support you and your child.



The whole staff look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th March.

Take care and stay safe

