



Cowes Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It was lovely to see so many of our children in school today and a Happy New Year to all, let us hope it is an improvement on 2020!

This is to update you regarding non-attendance, as many of you have requested this information. I can confirm that if your child is either **having to** isolate following Government Guidance or they **are** unwell they should not attend school. The reason for absence will need to be in writing please - either by completing the slip on your child's return or via email to the office.

However if this is **not** the case, then they should be attending school, as per Government Guidance at this time. This is also outlined in our Attendance Policy that can be found on our school website. The expectations for attendance and possible actions remain the same and your child's absence will be unauthorised in this circumstance.

As before, if your child is able to attend school and you are choosing not to send them, then we are not able to provide them with Home Learning, again in line with Government Guidance.

I would like to reassure you that school continues to follow all our safety and hygiene protocols that have been in place since September and were agreed by the Health and Safety Department at the Local Authority. An outline of these can also be found on our website in the letter 'September Return - Full Opening.' We have also created more space for social distancing at drop off and pick up times and have increased ventilation within school.

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance further, please contact the school office, we understand your concerns at this difficult time. If there are any further updates we will contact you as soon as possible.

I would like to finish by saying a huge thank you for all your support and so many positive comments; it is greatly appreciated in these challenging times.

Kind regards

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