



Winter Weather Information Sheet for Parents/Carers

November 24

Winter is here!

With the possibility of extreme weather conditions over the coming months, this information sheet will help you, as parents/carers, to navigate the cooler climate to ensure that your child can get the best out of their time at school.

Attendance

Please remind yourselves of the school's Attendance Policy, which can be found on the school [website](#) or a paper copy can be requested at the school office.

The attendance policy is clear that any absences from school due to poor weather conditions are not considered to be an exceptional circumstance and will be marked down as **unauthorised**.

The expectation is that all children are to attend school every day and on time throughout the winter months despite poor weather conditions.

We understand that weather conditions may impact on your punctuality, so please inform the school office if you are late for this reason.

It is only natural for your child to want to play out in any freshly fallen snow and to have a day at home. Please be assured that your child will not miss out on the opportunity to play in the snow at school if they want to.

They will not be missing out. In fact, they will be missing out more if they lose a whole day at school!



Clothing

The school day will run as usual through the winter months

Academy opens at: **8:35am**

Registration: **8:45am**

Morning break: **10:30-10:45am**

Lunch break: **12:00-1:00pm**

End of school: **3:15pm**



Morning break and lunch break will continue to be taken outdoors. Please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor wear such as:

- A winter coat
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Winter shoes

If you cannot provide winter clothing for your child, please contact the Family Support Advisor,

Lydia Gallaher, by telephoning the school office or emailing: Lydia.gallaher@infinityacademies.co.uk.

We want to support our families and the provision of suitable clothing throughout the winter can be financially demanding.



Illnesses

It can be difficult to decide whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. There are government guidelines for parents and carers to decide what to do when their child is unwell. This guidance can be found using the following link: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Here is guidance on common illnesses over the winter:

High temperatures: If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

Coughs and colds: It is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. If there are any concerns during the school day, you will be contacted.

Cold sores: There is no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore.

Conjunctivitis: You don't need to keep your child off school but seek medical advice.

Covid-19: If your child has mild symptoms and feels well enough, they can attend school. To prevent the spread of infection, your child should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they are unwell. When they no longer have a fever (if they had one) and don't need medicine to control the fever, they can return to school. There's no specific time limit your child needs to avoid contact with others. You can use 48 hours as a rough guide.

Ear infection: Only if your child has severe earache, keep them off school until they are better.

Sore throat: You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat.



Working together

We are aware that the winter months can be much more demanding on families to be prepared and able to get their children to school. This is normal, but if you notice that you or your child are feeling unusually anxious or worried, we are here to support you. We want to work together to ensure that you and your child can do well over the winter.

We will be adding new information to the mental health and wellbeing page of the school website.

Please also follow the government guidelines for illnesses link, which provides information about anxiety and worry.

If you would like additional support, please contact the Family Support Advisor, Mrs Gallaher, who is the school's Social, Emotional and Mental Health Lead.



Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children of our school community can reach their maximum potential.

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