



9 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Attendance and NHS Guidance Re: Flu and Illness**

I hope that you and your family are looking forward to the approaching Christmas holidays.

I wanted to write and say thank you for all of your efforts in making sure that students are in school and on time over what has been a difficult period of roadworks, especially in the approach to the city centre and the local area.

As a school, we have one of the best attendance rates in the city and this reflects how much students, parents and carers value the importance of education.

However, with an increasing rate of flu and illness nationally and in the Bristol area, I wanted to pass on some guidance issued by the NHS regarding when young people are well enough for school:

[NHS Guidance for Parents: Is my child too ill for school?](#) – a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.

We encourage families to request medical appointments for our students outside of school hours, however we realise this is not always attainable. Where it is known that a medical appointment will require some time out of school, please notify the Attendance Team as soon as you are aware. Where possible, please could you give our Attendance Team at least 24 hours notice for any medical appointments, so we can ensure students are marked correctly on registers and we know when they are being picked up from school and when to expect their return.

[St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School - Contact Us](#)

I hope that you and your children are able to enjoy the festive period and that they are able to maximise their learning time in these final two weeks of term.

Many thanks and take care

Jon Pike

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