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Welcome to our Monthly Attendance Bulletin, sharing guidance and advice from the Education Attendance Service at Suffolk County Council.

Is your child too ill for school?

Regular attendance and arriving on time helps children feel settled, confident and ready to learn. We know some mornings can be tricky, so please celebrate the little steps and improvements along the way. If getting into school is becoming difficult, please talk to us—we're here to listen, support and help.

In England during the 2024/25 academic year, children missed an average of around 6 school days due to illness and 13 school days in total for all reasons combined. This is almost 3 weeks of missed learning per pupil each year!

What can you do to support your child's attendance?

- Save the NHS illness guidance.
- Check our attendance policy.
- Report absences as soon as possible.
- Speak to us if illness is becoming a regular barrier to attendance.

Useful links

- Is my child too ill for school? – NHS
- Illness absence and staying healthy
- School attendance policy

Every day in school matters. Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping children build confidence, develop friendships, and achieve their full potential academically and socially. We share important updates and guidance for families, and work together to support every child in making the most of their learning opportunities. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us ensure that every pupil has the best possible start in life through excellent attendance.

Next month's focus: The final weeks before Christmas are still full of learning, friendships and memorable experiences — every school day matters.

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