



Appointments in school time

Dear Parent/Guardian

17th December 2018

It has come to our attention that 301 school sessions have been lost this term due to dental appointments and 547 through family holidays. Please could we request that dental appointments, other than emergency or orthodontist appointments, are not made within school time and that all such appointments are arranged for after school or during the school holidays. Any non-urgent dental appointments will not be authorised. Please could we also remind parents that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

If students need to attend orthodontist/hospital appointments during the day please could students aim to attend some part of the school day (either before/after the appointment) to reduce the impact of lost learning time.

In many cases, the impact of such appointments involves students losing two or more hours of learning and in some cases up to a whole day of learning. Information missed in these lessons is often difficult to catch up and could lead to key gaps in a student's knowledge, which clearly can hinder progress.

In the case of doctors' appointments, we appreciate that these may occur from time to time but once again request that students miss as little lesson time as possible.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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