



# Greenmount Primary School Covid Addendum to the Attendance Policy

From September 2020 the DFE's expectation is that all schools will continue to work with families to secure regular school attendance for all children. School attendance will be again mandatory for compulsory age children. Our school attendance policy will be followed. This is in addition to our attendance policy.

## **Penalty Notices**

Parents are aware that FULL attendance is expected and the first few days may be those of transition to a new pattern. Penalty notices will be requested as per 'Penalty Notice process'. This said as a school we will be taking a restorative approach for the first week unless absence is due to a holiday.

Fast tracks Initiatives will also resume from September 2020.

## **Strategies for achieving pupil attendance in September 2020**

- Restorative work with families prior to September and when children return to include conversations and support about returning to school.
- Home visits if needed to have discussion about concerns and give reassurance.
- Emailing helpful documents about 'returning to school'.
- Handwashing reminders.
- PA incentives and/or targeted family incentives.

## **Registration coding**

Normal attendance register's will resume from September for all year groups. If a child is absent on the advice from Public Health England or because they have been requested to self-isolate by school this will be coded as **Y**. If a child has tested positive for COVID the code will be **I**.

## **Registers**

Registration will be staggered in line with DFE guidance. The closing of registers will reflect this. Registers will be completed promptly. Punctuality will be extremely important and all parents will be reminded about this.

## **Remote Learning**

If a child can-not attend due to Self-Isolation, we will provide remote learning.

## **Evidence Required if self- isolating or quarantine**

- **Self Isolating**-Parents will be expected to provide school evidence of positive and negative results.
- **Quarantine**-Parents will have to show travel documents and AIO will check against latest government guidance.

## **Pupils Shielding**

From the 01<sup>st</sup> August all shielding has been paused subject to the decline in the rates of community transmission of COVID-19. This means even if a child remains on the shielded list, they may return to school in September. Pupils that have underlying medical needs and who were identified to us as shielding will be requested to discuss their care with a health professional prior to returning to school. School will contact the School nursing team too.

Where children are absent due following clinical and or PHE advise absence will not be penalised.