



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

Autumn 2024

As the winter months draw upon us, we have seen a steady increase in students missing valuable lesson time due to seasonal illnesses.

In order to tackle the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily the Government have introduced the campaign **‘Everyday Counts’**, outlining how every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly.

**Since the start of the 2024/2025 academic year we have had a total of almost 8% of all register marks listed as illness.**

**Most of these illnesses have been reported as common seasonal illnesses – sore throat, cough. This is the equivalent of 4 full school days or 24 hours of valuable learning.**

**You may not realise it but being late adds up too!**

### **Being late 10 minutes per day**

= nearly 1.5 weeks per year  
or nearly half a year over 13  
years of schooling

### **Being late half an hour per day**

= nearly 4 weeks per year  
or nearly 1 and a half years  
over 13 years of schooling

### **Being late 1 hour per day**

= nearly 8 weeks per year  
or over 2 and a half years  
over 13 years of schooling

Take a look at a section on the NHS website which gives you all the information you need to make an informed decision - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you could take some time to familiarise yourself with this information and potentially reconsider keeping your child off school where possible.

Our school calendar for the next academic year is now live on the Parents and Carers section of the Percy Hedley School website. As we pass through the winter months our thoughts turn to booking our well-deserved holidays. Please look to plan ahead and schedule those exciting family moments together around the set school holidays avoiding any unauthorised periods of absence.