



CHILDREN AND MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS – *Maximising Attendance*



Sometimes it's unavoidable that your child has to attend a medical or dental appointment during the school day, however the best times to make the appointment (if you can) is either:

between **9.30 am and 12 noon**
or:
after 1.30 pm

Examples

If your child has a 9.30 am dental appointment and they come to school first, get their attendance mark, go to the dentist then return to school, they will have full attendance marks for that day.

If your child has a hospital appointment at 2.15 pm, they come to school in the morning, get their attendance mark for both sessions then leave for their appointment at 1.30, they will have full attendance marks for that day.

This means the medical appointment will not affect your child's attendance at all. If they have a medical/dental appointment and arrive mid-session their absence is marked with an M for Medical, and is an authorised absence.

EVERY SESSION COUNTS TOWARDS GOOD ATTENDANCE!

