

What to expect when students are absent

Guidance for Parents

Students being away from school is extremely disruptive for their education and learning. However, the school does appreciate that illness is unavoidable at times and young people worry about missing work. We have therefore set out our expectations and guidance for families so that returning to school does not build anxiety for returning students, and parents have clarity on what they can expect from teachers when students are off school.

1. Non-Covid related illness

If students are too unwell to attend school, we will not expect them to complete any school work when they are at home. We understand that the best recovery comes from being well-rested and so students should rest and get well as soon as possible so that they can get back to school as soon as they are better.

On returning to school, students should see their class teachers to catch up on work missed. This may lead to teachers asking them to:

- Complete assessments missed
- Stick in notes or missed work into exercise books
- Complete essential learning so that they are not behind

Students at home unwell should not worry about homework set when they are absent. These will be recorded as “Not submitted” on ClassCharts by teachers when updating submissions if they are not complete.

2. Covid related illness

At the current time students might be at home through self-isolation due to a positive Covid test. These students might be unwell, or completely symptom free. The following guidance is for these students:

- Teachers will set work for all students who are away from school due to Covid related illness
- Parents should judge whether their child is well enough to complete work set
- Work will be set on ClassCharts and recorded as “Self-Isolating” so that students know it is work set for them specifically at home
- Work will need to be brought to class on their return and teachers will mark work as submitted when this is done

3. Travel or other unauthorised absence

Teachers will not set work for students who do not attend school for holidays/family events or any unauthorised absence.

For any extended absences which might affect students individually, please do contact reception@trafalgar.wilts.sch.uk so that we can discuss this with you.