

Maiden Erlegh Trust  
**ATTENDANCE POLICY  
ADDENDUM (COVID- 19)**



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## **GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## COVID 19 ATTENDANCE POLICY ADDENDUM

**This should be read in conjunction with the school attendance policy.**

In March when the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was increasing, the government made clear that no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school.

School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term in September 2020.

This means that parents have a duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly and schools have a duty to follow up absences which includes the issuing of sanctions, including fixed penalty notices.

Where a pupil/student is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, we will offer them access to remote education and their absence will not be penalised. We expect there to be very few children in this category, however.

All other pupils must attend school unless a statutory reason applies (for example, the pupil has been granted a leave of absence, is unable to attend because of sickness, is absent for a necessary religious observance etc).