



Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to encourage all families, who have not already, to sign up and engage with the StudyBugs application. We (along with many other Brighton schools) are in the process of rolling this system out across the whole school, daily registers will begin to be taken directly on the StudyBugs site in the next couple of weeks.

What is StudyBugs?

StudyBugs provides a unique communication platform for children's health, used by thousands of schools and parents across the UK. In partnership with the NHS and other public health organisations, StudyBugs tracks what bugs are going around and allows parents to quickly and easily report student absence.

We need as many families as possible signed up and actively using StudyBugs so that we can much more effectively respond to and track the spread of Coronavirus and other illness.

Why use StudyBugs?

Saves you time — it takes seconds to give the school all the information they need, and know they have the message even if you're reporting at 6am or 11pm the night before. You will NOT need to call in to report pupil absence.

Helps safeguard your child by automating schools' processing of sick reports, so if any children are unaccounted for, they'll know right away. Also verifies that reports of your child's absence have really come from you.

Contributes to public health by collecting anonymised data on illnesses going around — to help schools, parents and public health organisations take preventative action as early as possible. (Especially important with the current COVID-19 pandemic).

Guides you with official guidance from Public Health England on the need to stay off school, based on the symptoms or illnesses you enter.

Note: Studybugs does not provide medical advice or diagnosis — please consult your GP for this.

Sign Up Now

If you have not already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the school office for help. Email at admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk or call on 01273 708004