

Langley Park School for Girls

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Dear Families,

Studybugs – Absence Reporting App

At Langley Park School for Girls, we understand how crucial it is to maintain accurate attendance records and ensure that our students' wellbeing is monitored closely. A key part of this process is timely communication between parents and the school regarding any illness that may prevent your child from attending school. By keeping us informed, we can update our registers promptly and provide the necessary support during your child's absence. Additionally, sharing illness-related information helps us identify any potential health trends in the school, which can be vital for protecting the wider student community.

We're pleased to announce that Langley Park School for Girls is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

We recognise that some families may already be registered with Studybugs from their child's primary school. If you haven't 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>). Please use the email address currently held by the school which matches to your child's records.

For now, parents and carers will still be able to report absence via our phone line (020 8639 5200, and selecting Option 1 (Attendance) and our attendance monitoring email; attendance@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk.

Top 3 Reasons to Use Studybugs:

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is absent from school.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

We understand there have been previous applications that were used for reporting absence and would like to clarify that the below apps are available;

- **My Child At School** – Which shows your child's current attendance but **does not** facilitate you reporting your child's absence
- **Firefly** – An app and web browser that can be used to review the home learning tasks set for your child

There are two applications that are no longer used and supported by school and therefore please delete;

- Edulink
- sQuid

Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation with your child's attendance. If you have any queries or concerns regarding their attendance, have started to spot any patterns for school reluctance or feel there is something the school could do to support your child, please speak with your child's form tutor in the first instance.

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Yours faithfully,

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