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**Through our extensive and long-standing experience in the schools insurance sector, we have developed a tailor made scheme that is simple and effective to both the school and fee payers should a pupil's education be interrupted due to an accident or sickness.**

Full terms and conditions of the group policy are contained in the schedule and policy wording which is held by the insured school, and available to you for inspection, which together form the policy of insurance. They can also be viewed at [marsh.com/PAIS4Day](https://marsh.com/PAIS4Day). You have a choice of how to receive policy information: on paper or by electronic means. Paper copies are available from the school on request.

## **How is the Scheme operated?**

Marsh Ltd has a "delegated authority" granted by the insurer which means that it acts as agent of the insurer and we have the authority to issue documentation (in accordance with agreed terms) on the insurer's behalf.

Your participation in this Scheme is optional. If you are included in the Scheme the insurance premium is charged to your child's fee account each term.

You may cancel the insurance at any time by writing to the school prior to the start of any term. If you cancel after the start of any term for which you have paid the premium, cover will continue until the end of the period for which you have paid the premium.

**The termly premium payable to the school is 0.73% of the termly fee, excluding extras. This includes Insurance Premium Tax at the current rate of 12%.**

## **How are claims calculated?**

Claims are based on the length of absence during term time only. The amount payable for each full day of absence, or absence from classes if a boarder, is calculated by dividing the actual number of days in the term (including weekends and half term breaks) into the pupil's fee for that term. In the event of a claim for school closure due to an outbreak of an infectious disease, excluding any new or existing pandemic or epidemic of disease, a seven day excess applies. This means that there is no cover for the first seven days of any such closure.

## How do I make a claim?

Claim forms can be obtained from your school. You should complete and return the claim form to the school no later than 30 days after the close of the term to which the absence relates. If the absence being claimed for exceeds 14 consecutive full days, the appropriate section of the claim form must also be completed by the pupil's Doctor. Any charge or fee exceeding £25 for completing the form is to be borne by the fee payer, in any one period of insurance. On receipt of the completed claim form, a school official will validate the absence and forward it to Marsh who will assess and manage the claim. All claims are handled by Marsh on behalf of the insurers under a delegated authority agreement. The insurer is entitled to appoint a medical practitioner, consultant specialist or educational psychologist to examine and report on the pupil where a claim is made or may be made. This will be at the Insurers expense.

Claims: Telephone: +44 (0) 330 818 0056 | Email: [epg.claims@marsh.com](mailto:epg.claims@marsh.com)

## How do I make a complaint?

Your complaint is important to us and should be made in the first instance to your usual Marsh contact. Alternatively you can address your complaint to:

Marsh Ltd  
Tower Place London  
EC3R 5BU

Email: [UKComplaints@marsh.com](mailto:UKComplaints@marsh.com)

Tel: +44 (0)20 7357 1000

You can find more information about how we handle complaints at <https://www.marsh.com/uk/contact-us/complaints-procedure.html>.

## Does the Financial Services Compensation Scheme apply?

The Insurers and Marsh are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If they are unable to meet their obligations, you may be entitled to compensation from the scheme, depending on the type of insurance and the circumstances of the claim. Further information is available from the FSCS at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk) or by contacting them at PO Box 300, Mitcheldean, GL17 1DY or by telephone on 0800 678 1100.

## How is personal information collected and used?

In order to provide this personal absence insurance scheme, we will collect and process information about individuals such as the pupil to be covered, their parent and/or any appointed guardian. We will collect and process this information as a data controller and in accordance with this notice. Prior to providing us with personal information of a third party, please provide that third party with a copy of this notice. If you intend to provide us with personal information which relates to a pupil, please provide that pupil with our "Pupils' Privacy Notice", which has been specifically designed for children. You can find more information about how we handle personal information in the Marsh Privacy Policy at <https://www.marsh.com/uk/privacy-notice.html>.

How we use personal information: We use personal information (such as name and contact details). We use this information to provide our personal effects insurance scheme services, which will include liaising with the insurer(s) and administering your policy, handling claims, complaints and renewals and preventing or detecting fraud.

**Sharing information:** We collect information from the pupil's parents and/or guardians and from third parties such as the pupil's school, medical professionals and/or insurer(s). We share personal information with insurer(s) of the pupils' personal absence insurance scheme and our service providers, including other group companies, sub-contractors and our professional advisors and auditors. If required or permitted by law, we share information with our regulators, the courts and other authorities.

**Legal grounds:** We rely upon one or more of the following legal bases for processing personal information:

- to comply with our legal obligations; and/or
- where necessary for our legitimate interest of providing insurance broking services, while ensuring our reliance on this ground does not unduly harm your rights.

Where we use special categories of personal information (such as health information), we will also rely on one or more of the following legal bases:

- such use is necessary for the insurance activities we undertake which are in the substantial public interest;
- in order to establish, exercise or defend a legal claim; and/or;
- consent. Where we need to rely on consent of a child, consent can be given by the child if they are over 13 years old. Otherwise, we will ask a parent or an appointed guardian to provide consent on the child's behalf. Any consent provided can be withdrawn at any time by emailing us at: [termly.schemes@marsh.com](mailto:termly.schemes@marsh.com). However, please note that withdrawal of consent may affect our ability to provide our services and may end the insurance cover under the scheme. We will advise of any such consequences at the time.

**Security and transfers:** We take reasonable steps to keep personal information secure and we maintain data security procedures designed to protect against loss or compromise of personal data.

We may need to send personal information outside the United Kingdom where data protection laws are different, but this will be done with appropriate protection in place. We will retain personal information for as long as needed in order to comply with our legal and regulatory obligations.

**Updating your information:** It is important that personal information is kept complete and up-to-date. If any of the details you provide us with change, you can update us by emailing [termly.schemes@marsh.com](mailto:termly.schemes@marsh.com).

**Your rights:** Under data protection law individuals have certain rights in relation to their personal information, including to access their information and to rectify inaccuracies. More details about these rights can be found in the Marsh Privacy Policy available at <https://www.marsh.com/uk/privacy-notice.html>.

**Questions, requests, or complaints:** If you have any questions or complaints about how we use personal information, or you would like to access or rectify personal information, you can do so by writing to our Data Protection Officer at the following address: The Data Protection Officer Marsh Ltd, Tower Place London EC3R 5BU.

Telephone: 020 7357 1000 | Email: [dataprotection@marsh.com](mailto:dataprotection@marsh.com)



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