

Ysgol I D Hooson

Attendance - a guide for parents and carers

Ensuring good attendance

Is it important for children to be in school?



Here are Jason, Cadi and Cassie. Their attendance is 90%.
Sounds good doesn't it!

But our target for every child is 96%. So it's really quite poor!

The three miss half a day a week on average.

Four weeks in a school year!

Their attendance will have a serious impact on their progress. It's very likely, with attendance of 90%, that none of the three will achieve their full potential in school.

Did you know?

Attending school regularly, without absences is crucial for your child's future. Pupils with poor attendance do less well in exams.

There are 39 weeks in a school year.

Miss school! Miss education! Miss your chance!

Attendance 100%	Miss no school	The best chance to succeed! Fantastic!
Attendance 95%	Miss 10 days of school	Understandable. A few days of illness. Achieve target. Well done!
Attendance 90%	Miss 20 school days. Four full weeks!	Unlikely unless there is serious illness. Concerns about attendance patterns. Support agencies contacted.
Attendance 85%	Miss 30 days. Six full weeks!	Serious concerns about attendance patterns. Support agencies involved.
Attendance 80%.	Miss 40 days. Eight weeks of learning!	Very serious concerns. Very significant impact on pupil progress.
Attendance 75%	Miss 50 days. Nine weeks of learning!	Child's learning and progress greatly affected.

Working in partnership.

We contact parents to express concern about attendance. Outside support agencies such as the school social work service are able to provide support and advice, and they also have a crucial monitoring role. We are always keen to work with parents and carers to encourage good attendance. Please contact us should there be any way which we can help or support. However please be aware that poor attendance may also lead to fixed penalty notices being issued by the Local Authority.

Holidays during term time

We strongly discourage parents and carers to take holidays during term time. You should write to the Headteacher to request authorised holiday absence during term time. Up to 5 days may be authorised during the current academic year.

Arriving on time.

Why should the children arrive at school on time?

1. A child will be calm and ready to learn.
2. They will be present for the opening activities of the day.
3. The start of the day establishes a good working pattern for the rest of the school day.
4. Arriving late can cause a child to feel embarrassed.
- 5. It is your responsibility to ensure they arrive on time. But it's the children who miss out. There's always traffic, but some people always manage to arrive on time.**

Any questions, comments or concerns, you are welcome to contact us in the usual way.