

Dear Parents/Carers,

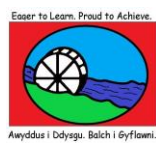
As a school, we aim to provide our children with a wide range of learning experiences in order for them to make progress and fulfil their potential. For this to happen, our children need to be in school every day and we are asking for your support to ensure our whole school attendance and punctuality rates continue to improve.

During the past few years, the impact upon children's education through lost learning has been significant. At a time when education has seen so much disruption, it is vital that we make every school minute count. We ask for your continued support to ensure that your child attends school and arrives on time every day to prevent further lost learning.

Attendance at school is compulsory and is a legal requirement, therefore we ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child attends school regularly. We appreciate that, at times, your child may be unwell and ask that you fulfil your statutory responsibility to inform the school with a reason for absence on the first day and thereafter.

Welsh Government have set challenging targets for all children and schools to meet. The ideal percentage for school attendance is **97% and above** as this limits impact on educational progress. As a school, we are working with our Maesteg cluster schools and BCBC to improve overall attendance figures using the Callio approach to categorising attendance. Please see below for details.

Possible Learning Missed – Autumn 1		
Total possible days in school 40 days / 80 sessions (this does not include inset days)		
Purple	100%	Not Missing any lessons. Your child has the optimum chance to achieve well and is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
Green	99% 98% 97%	Missing 1 day / 2 sessions of school.
Amber	96% 95% 93%	Missing approximately 2 days / 4 sessions of school
Red	92% and below	Missing 3 days / 6 sessions or more.



Every half term, you will receive a report informing you of your child's attendance category. We work closely with the Education Welfare Service (EWS) to monitor attendance and, where concerns are raised, meetings will be arranged with our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to discuss reasons and provide support. Should attendance issues continue, a letter will be issued to notify you of our concerns. If there is no improvement over a half term, then your child will be referred to the EWO.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require support, guidance or further clarification of the points raised.

Thank you for your continued support

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