

Llangiwg Primary School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Good attendance is essential right from the start.

All parents want the best for their child/children. Having a good education is important to ensure that children have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly.

Benefits of good attendance:

Good Habits

It builds the idea in young children that getting up and going to school is simply what you do. Children who attend every day develop a feel for the rhythm of the week and gain a sense of security from regular routines. Underachievement is often linked to lower attendance. For some older learners this is linked to a steadily deteriorating trend in attendance which is traceable right back to reception. Establishing good habits early is the key to future success.

Secure relationships

Learners find it easier to build and sustain a range of social relationships when they regularly attend nursery / school.

Self-esteem

Children who rarely miss sessions at nursery / school and arrive on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. Children who regularly miss sessions, or are generally late, can frequently experience a sense of having to try a little bit harder just to understand what is going on and what other children are talking about or doing.

Every day lost = approx 6 hours of learning

Every week lost = approx 30 hours of learning

11 days lost = 66 hours of learning time lost



The world is run by those that turn up.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4 and a half days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole **2 years** from school.

Punctuality is just as important.

Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year. If your child is going to be absent from school it is essential that you follow the school's absence procedures and contact the school to provide a reason for their absence.

Attendance Meetings

Llangiwig Primary School monitors attendance data regularly. The Headteacher meets the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) once a fortnight and scrutinises attendance. If we spot any patterns of absence or have any concerns about the level of absence, we will invite parents / carers into school for a meeting. The aim of these meetings is to unpick any issues that there may be and work together to overcome any barriers. These meetings provide an opportunity for open communication between home and school.

Parents can encourage good attendance by:

- Having a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Preparing for the morning routine by packing a bag the night before and setting out clothes.
- Talking together about all the fun their child will have at nursery / school.
- Arranging routine medical appointments, outings and holidays for the times their child does not attend nursery / school if possible.

If you are facing difficulties getting your child to school, it is important to discuss this with school at the earliest opportunity. We are here to help. If we work together, we can ensure your child reaches their full potential.