



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to the second half of Autumn Term 2022. As a school, we want all of our children to learn and make the best progress they can whilst they are at school and beyond.

In order for this to happen children need to be in school every day that they possibly can, learning and sharing exciting experiences with their friends. We are asking for your support in improving our current whole school attendance and punctuality rates.

The impact upon children's education through lost learning is huge. At a time when so much education has been disrupted it is vital that we make every school minute count. We urge you to ensure that your child is in school and on time every day to prevent falling behind with their learning. Attendance at school is compulsory and is a legal requirement, therefore I ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child attends school regularly. We appreciate that all pupils maybe unwell on times and that you as a parent/guardian fulfil your statutory responsibility and inform school with the precise reasons 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 has limited impact on educational progress. As a school we are working with other Maesteg cluster schools and BCBC to improve our overall attendance figures. We will be reinstating the Callio approach to categorising attendance, 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.



We will be informing you of which category your child's attendance is in on a regular basis through letters and during progress reporting. We work very closely with the Education Welfare Service (EWS) to monitor attendance. Where concerns are raised around poor attendance, meetings will be arranged with our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to discuss reasons and any support needed. When this is identified there will be a school letter issued to notify you of our concerns in your child's attendance. 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 any points raised.

Thank you for your continued support

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