



## Why is attendance important?

- School **attendance really matters** and is **everybody's business**.
- School is the **safest** place a child can be during school hours
- Regular school attendance has a strong impact on **pupil progress**
- Regular attendance leads to greater **preparation for life the workplace**
- Analysis shows that pupils with higher attendance do better in **exams**.
- Lessons missed means missing **key information, skills and ideas**.
- Good attendance has a positive effect on **wellbeing, friendships and social skills**.
- Extended absence from school is linked with **behavioural and social problems**. These effects can be long lasting and can affect a young person's **mental health** and their long-term **life chances**.
- Absences can start a negative cycle; the longer the absence, the harder it is to resolve the issues that may be leading to absence.

## What are parents' and carers' responsibilities?

- Parents have a **legal duty** to ensure their child attends school. Every child is entitled to an efficient, full-time education, and it is the legal responsibility of every parent and carer to ensure their child accesses this
- There are a very small number of reasons where a child may legally be absent from school:
  - 1) where permission is given in advance
  - 2) where they are too ill to attend
- Please promote the **importance of attendance** and school at home
- Always **contact the absence line** if your child is not able to attend school on 01873735010 (Primary Site) and 01873735373
- **Promptly** discuss any **concerns** with us so we can support you and your child
- Do not take holidays in term time
- Attendance often falls at the end of terms. Please ensure that your children attend up until and including the final day before a holiday

## What is good attendance?

- **96%** attendance is our school target
- **Below 90%** attendance is classed as **Persistent Absence** and is a cause for concern
- **95% attendance** – you will have missed nearly 10 days from school, 2 weeks, **50 hours of lessons**.
- **90% attendance** = you will have missed nearly 20 days from school, 4 weeks, **100 hours of lessons**.
- **80% attendance** = you will have missed nearly 40 days from school, 8 weeks, **200 hours of lessons**.
- Attendance above 96% of school leads to better progress, stronger friendships and greater levels of wellbeing
- There are 365 days a year. Pupils are in school for 190 days, meaning pupils have 175 days without school each year. **Every day of those 190 counts!**

## How can school support attendance?

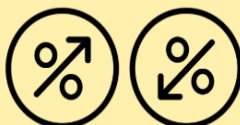
- We make attendance **high profile** across the school. We **track attendance** on a weekly basis. We **share attendance** with pupils, parents / carers regularly
- **Promptly** discuss any **concerns** with us so we can support you and your child
- The school can provide **mentoring**, set **targets**, give **Hub or early passes**, plan **meet and greets**, offer **peer support**, support access to **extra-curricular clubs**, provide **quiet spaces** and create **Personal Attendance Plans**.
- School can provide a variety of **in-house wellbeing and mental health interventions**
- If further support is needed, we can refer to **ELSA** or **Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)** programmes, **Inspire to Achieve** (Years 10 and 11), the **School Health Nurse**, **SPACE Wellbeing** or **SPACE ND**.
- In the most complex cases, school can refer to our **Family Engagement Officer** and develop a **Pastoral Support Plan** to improve attendance.
- Some cases may need involvement from the **Educational Psychologist** or **Education Welfare Officer**



## King Henry VIII 3-19 School



Welsh Government classes good attendance as **90% OR ABOVE**



Missing just 10% of school over a year equals **20 DAYS OR 100 HOURS OF LEARNING**



Good school attendance means **BETTER EXAM RESULTS, BETTER SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAN IMPROVE WELLBEING**



### How can parents and carers support attendance?

We believe that education is a partnership. We will do everything we can to support families to ensure their children attend school, on time. Parents and carers also have a legal duty to do this. To help, you can:

- Promote positive attendance at home.
- Always contact us if your child cannot attend school with the reasons why. Primary Site: 01873 735010. Secondary Site: 01873 735373 – option 1.
- Ensure your child only misses school for reasons that are unavoidable, or agreed and understood by the school. For example, significant illness or an essential medical appointment.
- Promptly discuss any concerns that may affect future wellbeing or attendance, with the school.

### You are part of our family, we need you all here

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Better attendance leads to better friendships and improved wellbeing

#KHSFamily



### Missing school = Missing out

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#MissingSchoolMissingOut



### We want you here, we need you here!

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#NotInMissOut



### When you are not here, it is not the same without you

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#EveryDayCounts



### Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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#AttendanceMatters

