

# Ysgol Yr Hendy

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we progress through the academic year, I would like to address an important issue that significantly impacts our pupils' success: school attendance.

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic achievement and overall development. Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to perform well academically, develop strong social skills, and build a positive attitude towards learning.

At Ysgol yr Hendy, we strive to provide the best educational experience for all our pupils. However, we have noticed a concerning trend of poor attendance among some children. This not only affects the individual child's learning but also disrupts the overall classroom environment.

To give you a clearer picture, children with an attendance rate of 95% or higher are more likely to achieve and make good progress. In fact, children with attendance below 90% are at a higher risk of falling behind academically and may struggle to keep up with their peers.

Here are some key points to consider:

- 95% Attendance:** This equates to missing no more than 9 days in a school year. Pupils with this level of attendance are more likely to achieve their academic goals.
- 90% Attendance:** Missing up to 19 days in a school year can significantly impact a child's learning and progress.
- Below 90% Attendance:** Missing more than 19 days in a school year puts children at a severe disadvantage, making it challenging to catch up with missed lessons and assignments.

**Please remember that only attendance of 95% and above is considered acceptable by the Welsh Government.**

Below 80%	80 – 89%	90 – 94%	95 – 99%	100%
Very Poor	Poor	Unsatisfactory	Good	Excellent

We understand that there are valid reasons for absences, such as illness or family emergencies. However, we urge you to prioritise your child's education by ensuring they attend school regularly and on time. If your child is experiencing difficulties that affect their attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can. **Please consider the impact of taking your child out for family holidays during term time.**

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Together, we can ensure that every child at Ysgol yr Hendy can succeed and reach their full potential.

Warm regards,

Mrs Cathryn Jones

Headteacher

**Article 28: Your right to learn and attend school.**



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