



Excellent school attendance is a priority for everyone at Ysgol Afon Wen. Pupils are encouraged to take advantage of every teaching and learning opportunity available to them at the school and in order for that to happen it is important they are here.

Good attendance is above 96%. Attendance under 90% is classed as 'persistent absence'. Consistent attendance leads to better progress, stronger friendships and better levels of wellbeing.

Parents/Carers must report a reason for their child's absence. 'Unwell' does not give enough detail and will not be authorised. Please call 01443 841228 or use Class Charts, to report an absence and to provide the appropriate reason.

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
- 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.

Attendance	What This Means	No. of Sessions Lost	No. of Days Lost	No. of Weeks Lost
97 – 100%	Excellent	Up to 11	Up to 6	Up to 1
95 – 97%	Good	Up to 19	Up to 10	Up to 2
90 – 94%	Unsatisfactory	Up to 40	Up to 20	Up to 4
86 – 90%	Poor	Up to 53	Up to 27	Up to 5
Below 86%	Very Poor	More than 53	More than 27	More than 5 weeks off

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During your child's 11 years at school:

- 80% attendance will mean they miss 3 whole years of school
- 85% attendance will mean they miss 2 whole years of school
- 90% attendance will mean they miss 1 whole year of school

If you wish to discuss any attendance related issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school.