

What you can do to help us?

- Ring or email the school if your child is absent giving a reason please.
- Keep in touch with the school if your child is ill.
- If you have an appointment and need to collect your child early, please contact the school.
- Please let us know why your child is absent as we have to fill in the school register with the appropriate code.

If you have any concerns or worries in relation to your child's attendance please contact the school to discuss the matter.

As a school we have an open door policy and want to help and support all our families in order to promote excellent levels of attendance and punctuality.

In the event that we are unable to improve attendance/punctuality the school has a legal obligation to work with the Local Authority Attendance Officer and support will be sought and offered by them.

Local Authority Attendance Officer: C Evans



Attendance Information



BLAENAU SCHOOL
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HEADTEACHER: GERALDINE JENKINS

School Aims for Attendance

The aim of this booklet is to make parents/guardians aware of the importance of regular pupil attendance at school. Poor attendance can have a negative impact on a child's education.

Why is good attendance so important?

- School work is easier to understand.
- Children achieve better results within the classroom.
- Pupils feel happier and more secure in their work and for themselves.
- Good attendance helps children build positive relationships.
- Having a good education gives your child the best possible start in life.
- Good attendance gives a grounding for lifelong learning and work ethics.



HOLIDAYS

In the event that you decide to take a holiday during term time, you will need to complete a request form please.

The Governing Body has agreed to authorize 10 days for holidays within the school year. Any other holidays will be unauthorized. However, if a child misses two weeks from school, they will have lost fifty (50) hours of lessons.



What is meant by unauthorised absence?

Some absences are allowed by law e.g. if a child is ill, family crisis, hospital, dental or doctor's appointments. However, there are other times when pupils are absent which are not permitted- trips, haircuts or shopping. Please be aware of these days.

Getting your child to school really matters...

Levels of attendance %

If over a school year your child's attendance is-

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent
95%	9	2
90%	19	4
85%	29	6
80%	38	8
75%	48	10
70%	57	11.5
65%	67	13.5

This will have an impact on your child's learning within the classroom. There are somethings that can't be avoided and attendance will be affected, however please bear these figures in mind.



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Punctuality and lateness...

If over a school year your child's your child is late every day by.....

Minutes late every day	Your child will/would have lost approximately.....
5 minutes	3.5 days from school
10 minutes	7 days from school
15 minutes	10 days from school
20 minutes	14 days from school
30 minutes	22 days from school

The school day starts at 9.00am. If you are late, please bring your child into the school and sign the school late book.

