



Attendance Guide for Parents



At Cwmaber Infants and Juniors, our overarching priority is the wellbeing of our pupils. We believe that pupils with high levels of self-worth, significance and security will enjoy school more, leading to good attendance and progress.

Keep in Touch



If your child isn't going to be in, or will be in late, we very much appreciate a phone call (we're in from 8:15), a text or an email. If we don't hear from you, we will phone or text. If your child is away for a few days, we will often get in contact just to see how things are going.

Running Late

If you are running late, bring your child in anyway. We would much rather they missed an hour than a whole day. If you can get them in on time, that's even better, as they don't miss the introduction to their learning activities for the day.



Illness



Please DO NOT send in your child if they are ill, for example have a temperature, a heavy cold, an infectious disease or a sickness bug! See below for isolation times.

If your child is suffering from a bad belly or other symptoms you think might be caused by a bit of anxiety, please bring your child to school and come in for a chat.

Medical Appointments

If at all possible, it would be good if these could be made at the beginning or end of the day (or, even better, after school or in the holidays!). If you can, please bring your child in for part of the day, so they don't miss out on too much. If your child has a suspicious number of, for instance, dentist appointments, we may need to start asking for appointment cards. If you are actually just off to Barry Island on a sunny afternoon, please tell us. We won't tell you off, as long as it doesn't happen too often.



Holidays

In an ideal world, we would like pupils to take their holidays in the fourteen weeks they are not in school 😊. But we do appreciate that people can't always take leave then, or afford the prices that are charged at peak periods. So, our policy is to authorise up to 10 days holiday in a year. Please let us know IN ADVANCE when you are going.



Other Absences

If there are other issues affecting attendance such as bereavement, transport issues, family dramas and so on, please let us know as these might affect your child's well-being. The office staff are friendly and non-judgemental and will only pass on details to staff who need to know.



Authorised and Unauthorised

The school can authorise absences such as illness, holidays (up to ten days), medical appointments, family events and so on. If you don't give a reason it will go down on your child's record as unauthorised.

Attendance Rewards



It has been decided that there are so many issues that affect attendance that are outside the control of parents and pupils that it is unfair and unproductive to give attendance rewards.

Attendance Target

We would be very happy if every pupil managed to have at least

95% attendance. This means having no more than 9 days off in the school year. We would be grateful if you could share this with the children and we will be discussing whole school attendance targets in assemblies. However, our main target is to work with you to ensure that the children are in school and are thriving there as much as possible.

Parent Engagement

We are happy for you to come and chat about attendance issues at any time. In particular, at the parents' evenings in October, there is a chance to express any concerns that you might have. In February, we will let you know your child's midyear attendance. In the summer, attendance will be included in the end of year report.

Thank you for working with us 😊



Isolation Times

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Yes

Until

<i>Chickenpox</i>	<i>at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over</i>
<i>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</i>	<i>48 hours after their last episode</i>
<i>Cold and flu-like illness</i>	<i>they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend.</i>
<i>Impetigo</i>	<i>their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics</i>
<i>Measles</i>	<i>4 days after the rash first appeared</i>
<i>Mumps</i>	<i>5 days after the swelling started</i>
<i>Scabies</i>	<i>they've had their first treatment</i>
<i>Scarlet fever</i>	<i>24 hours after they started taking antibiotics</i>
<i>Whooping cough</i>	<i>48 hours after they started taking antibiotics</i>

No

But make sure you let school know about

<i>Hand, foot and mouth</i>	<i>Glandular fever</i>
<i>Head lice</i>	<i>Tonsillitis</i>
<i>Threadworms</i>	<i>Slapped cheek</i>

