

## Every Day Counts.

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance. However, the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the academic year...

That's nearly **4 school weeks**

Over 5 years it equates to approximately 95 school days and 20 weeks which is half a year.

## Managing Sickness and Absence from School Leaflet

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## Achievement for All Llwyddiant i Bawb

- Make non-urgent medical and dental appointments out of school time.
- Build up good habits of punctuality and attendance.
- Be involved in with your child's education and school.



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## Managing Sickness and Absence from School

Make Every Day Count and Boost School Attendance



## Absence

Inform the school before 8.30am every day your child is absent from school due to illness

Absence line: 01492 518215 (follow prompts)

Email: [attendance@ysgolbrynelian.cymru](mailto:attendance@ysgolbrynelian.cymru)

**Opening hours:** 8am-2.30pm

In case of prolonged illness or disability a medical certificate or other evidence from the doctor may be required.

If your child attends school and feels unwell during the day the school will contact you to arrange collection. They must see a member of staff first and not call home themselves.

Most illnesses can be classified as one of a few minor health conditions. If your child is off long term, please contact the school who will arrange a meeting to discuss a support plan.

Further information:

[www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx)

## Cough & Cold

A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they are feeling better. If your child has a more severe and long lasting cough, consult your GP, who can provide guidance on whether the child should stay off school

## Raised Temperature

If your child has a raised temperature, they should not attend school, they can return 24 hours after they are feeling better.

## Rash

Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chicken pox and measles. Children should not attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP before sending them to school.

## Vomiting and Diarrhoea

Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after their symptoms disappear. Most cases of vomiting and diarrhoea get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist consult your GP.

## Sore Throat/Tonsillitis

A sore throat alone does not have to keep a child from school. If it is accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.

# 175 non-school days per year for holidays and appointments

## The Education (Pupil Registration) (Wales)

**Regulations 2010** makes it clear that Headteachers may NOT grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996** provides that if a child of compulsory school age fails to attend school regularly, the parents may be guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine.

Any absence taken without permission could be considered for a penalty notice or a referral to the Educational Welfare Officer. By law, only the Headteacher can authorise your child's absence.

Regular and punctual attendance at school is a legal requirement as well as essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities.



The pastoral team are available to offer any support and guidance you may need with regard to your child's attendance at school.

If you have concerns please contact your child's Tutor in the first instance, and then Learning Mentor or Manager.

