



## ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Here is the second edition of our Attendance Newsletter. You will find information you need to know about attendance procedures and how we can work together to make sure that pupils at Ysgol Carrog have the best attendance possible!

If you wish to discuss any attendance matters, please call the school office or make an appointment to meet with me , Mrs Jones

Sŵ Jones

Deputy Headteacher

Wakey wakey, rise and shine.

Ysgol Carrog starts at nine!



### ARRIVING LATE IN SCHOOL- The school bell rings at 9am .

When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Children may also feel awkward arriving in the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher therefore, everyone's education is compromised. Every late arrival is recorded and you are asked to give a reason for the lateness. Whilst we appreciate that life sometimes gets in the way and unforeseen circumstances can crop up we ask that you make every effort to get your child to school before the bell rings. If your child arrives late on several occasions, you will be asked to attend a meeting with the school's attendance officer (Mrs Sŵ Jones) to explain the reasons for your child's lateness. The school will work with you in finding solutions if there are genuine difficulties.



95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Children can't help being sick. Sometimes they have an illness that will require time off school and a visit to a doctor. Taking regular one or two days off though soon adds up.

As parents we are asking you to stop and think before you allow your child to stay off school.

- Are they well enough to attend school?
- Would it help if you dropped off paracetamol or medication for them during the school day? If so just sign the appropriate form in school.
- Is there anything worrying your child at school or home?

Whenever possible please make appointments for the dentist and opticians outside of school hours.

Thank you for your assistance.

*YSGOL CARROG'S TARGET FOR ATTENDANCE IS:*



**OUR CURRENT CLASS ATTENDANCE IS:**

**Foundation Phase 92.7%**

**Key Stage 2 94.4%**

**OUR CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS: 93.7%**

This is considerably below our target—please help us to improve attendance at Ysgol Carrog !