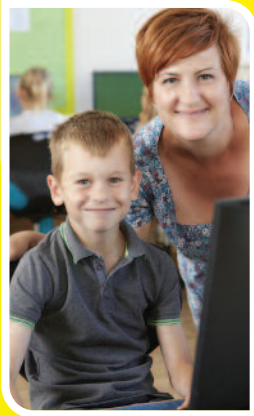


Legal statement

Parents do not have the automatic right to take their child on holiday during term time and must ask permission beforehand.

Headteachers have a margin of discretion to approve holidays and will have regard to a number of factors which include the impact on the continuity of learning. If the headteacher does not give permission and a parent takes a child on holiday the absence will be marked as "unauthorised." We would encourage parents to prioritise excellent attendance and to discuss any proposed holidays with the school well in advance'.



Holidays in school time may be less expensive... But your child's education is PRICELESS!

Your child is expected to be in school for 190 days an academic year with 175 days off due to weekends and school holidays.

If your child is ill

Being fit and healthy helps your child to learn. We all know that sickness can be a problem and it may be necessary for your child to be absent from school.

If your child is too ill to go to school, it is your responsibility to make sure you report their absence to the school every day your child is off.



If you need more advice you should contact your chemist, GP or NHS Direct on 0845 4647

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

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HELP YOUR CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE

By ensuring regular school attendance



Talk to your school before attendance becomes an issue.

They can help you.

Punctuality

Getting to school on time is a good habit and benefits your child for a lifetime.

Being late by just 10 minutes every day for a year adds up to 31 hours – that's over six full days of learning lost to your child.

5 minutes every day = **over 3 days lost in a school year.**

15 minutes = **over 9 days**

20 minutes = **over 12 days**

30 minutes = **over 13 days**

If your child arrives after the register has closed they will be classified as having an unauthorised absence. If their attendance drops to under 90% you may be liable to a penalty notice.



Please encourage your child to be in school every day on time.

Every school in Swansea has an Education Welfare Officer who can help you. Alternatively you can contact them on ☎ 01792 771935

Why should my child attend school every day?

100% attendance

0 days learning missed

Best chance of success!

2 weeks of learning missed

reduces your child's attendance to under 95%

Poor attendance will impact on learning

4 weeks of learning missed

reduces your child's attendance to under 90%

Poor attendance will impact on learning and you may receive a penalty notice.

5 1/2 weeks of learning missed

Takes your child's attendance to under 86%

Very poor attendance has a significant impact on learning and you may receive a penalty notice.

7 1/2 weeks of learning missed

Takes your child's attendance to 80%

Very poor attendance has a significant impact on learning. You are at risk of receiving a penalty notice or being liable to prosecution.



Attendance

It is your responsibility as a parent or guardian to ensure your child attends school regularly.

Your child's opportunity to have a successful future depends on their education so they need to go to school.



Children are not "entitled" to days off school. Only head teachers can give permission for your child to be absent.

If the school does not authorise your child's absence then you may receive a penalty notice if your child's attendance falls below 90%.

More information is available at:

www.swansea.gov.uk/educationpenalty