

## PUNCTUALITY

### **CHILDREN MUST ARRIVE ON TIME**



**The school day starts  
at 8.55 am**

Children miss important parts of their learning when they are late for school.

**However:  
Even if your child is late you should  
still send them to school.**

Poor time keeping adds up ... If you are late every day, you will miss out on 2 weeks of school every year.

We operate a 'first day contact system' – if a pupil is absent without explanation our school secretary will contact the parents that day.

## HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

- Holidays taken in term time are
- NOT a parental right.
- You MUST have permission from the Head teacher if you plan to go away.
- Without permission, your child's absence will be marked as UNAUTHORISED.

There are only 190 statutory school days in 1 year. There are 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays, which would not have a negative effect on your child's education.

## SUPPORT

If you are worried or feel there is a problem with your child's attendance it is always best to talk to us first, however the education social worker (ESW) can also help with a variety of issues such as:

- Attendance issues
- Child protection
- Advice and support.

Please contact:

Lesley Callister - ESW  
01978 860669  
(Ms. Callister is based at Ysgol Dinas  
Bran)

Good consistent attendance at school is crucial, and gives your child the best chance of success.

**EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS!**

YSGOL CAER DREWYN

ATTENDANCE

MATTERS

**Information to help  
you understand good  
attendance**

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THE LAW

The Education Act of 1996 says that if your child is between the ages of 5 years and 16 years and is registered at a school, it is the parent or guardian's responsibility to make sure they attend on a regular basis and on time.

It is a parent's responsibility to let the school know if their child is going to be absent.

Parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time. Remember the only legally acceptable reasons for not being in school are:

- illness
- **approved** parental holidays
- for a religious day of abstinence



When a child attends school on a regular basis, they take an important step towards reaching their full potential, and are given the greatest opportunity to learn new things and develop their skills. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in assessments and exams.

## ABSENCES

All absences must be reported to the school:

By telephone  
01490 412418



By email



[caer.drewyn@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:caer.drewyn@denbighshire.gov.uk)

or  
By writing a note



ESTYN School inspections expect high levels of attendance at schools across authorities – 95% in primary schools.

The governors of Ysgol Caer Drewyn expect the same high standard of attendance.

Did you know?

If your child's attendance is 80% this means that they miss.....

1 day every week

6 days every half term

12 days every term

36 days every year

180 days in 5 years

**NEARLY A WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR!**

## REASONS FOR AUTHORISED ABSENCES

- Sickness



- Hospital appointment



- Dentist



- Doctor



Wherever possible, try to make Doctor's and Dentist's appointments outside school hours. Where this is not possible, your children should only miss school for the **actual appointment time only and not take a whole day of absence.**

A medical card available from school needs to be completed for all appointments.

Absences are not allowed for.....

- Birthdays



- Shopping

