

What You Can Do To Help Us

Support the school's efforts to improve attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school on the first day of absence - telephone the school to leave a message on: 01792 882383

If there is a problem please let the school know

Speak to the class teacher to inform them of medical appointments etc.

Where possible please contact the school, in advance, before booking holidays (complete holiday form and return it to school)

Subscribe to 'Parent Mail' to keep up-to-date with important school issues i.e. INSET days / school events etc

Speak to the Education Welfare Officer

Mrs. Julie Rees based at Pontarddulais Comprehensive School telephone number: 01792 884546



Pontarddulais Primary School



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Information for Parents / Carers

Mission Statement
Everyone is unique
Everyone is important
Everyone deserves the very best

Headteacher
Mr. J.D. Mead

School Aims for Attendance

The aim of this booklet is to make parents / guardians aware of the importance of regular pupil attendance at school and how poor attendance can have a negative impact on a child's education.

Why is good attendance so important?

School work is easier to understand
Children achieve better results
Pupils feel more secure and confident in themselves
Good attendance helps children build friendships
Having a good education gives your child the best possible start in life

**THERE ARE 365 DAYS IN A YEAR
ONLY 195 ARE SCHOOL DAYS**



What is Meant By Unauthorised Absence?

Some absences are allowed by law e.g. if a child is ill or a family crisis. However, there are other times when pupils are absent which is not permitted

We need the help of parents and carers to eliminate this kind of absence.

Having your hair done



Shopping



Sleeping in



Holidays

Recently we have been very concerned by the amount of school time that pupils have missed as a result of holidays



Only ten school days a year are allowed for this and this is at the discretion of the school. If a pupil misses two weeks from school they will have lost fifty (50) hours of lessons - it is very difficult to catch up on the work lost