



# *All Saints' Church in Wales Primary School*



## **Information for Parents and Carers**

Make **every**  
minute count!

The world is  
run by those  
who turn up!

# How much time is lost?

Attendance during one school year.	Equals days absent	Which means approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons

## Attendance statistics over 6 years of schooling

(Reception to Year 5)

85 – 90% = **About half a year off school**

80% = 38 weeks off school – **one whole school year missed.**

If your child is **5 minutes late** every day they will **miss 3 days learning each year.**

If your child is **15 minutes late** every day, they will **miss 2 weeks learning each year.**

Holidays are not permitted during term time. These are not authorised and will add to pupils' unauthorised absences.

## Unauthorised Absences

If a child has **10 unauthorised absences** within a term they are at risk of incurring a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). This is a fine of £60, which increases to £120 if not paid within 4 weeks.

# *Why is it important for your child not to miss school?*

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work.
- Make little progress in their learning.
- Miss out in the school social life.
- Find it difficult to make and maintain friendships.
- Become withdrawn and lack confidence.

Research has shown that children who are not in school are most vulnerable.

# *What does the law say?*

By law, all children of compulsory school age must get a suitable full-time education. Once your child is registered at a school, you are responsible for making sure he or she attends. The Local Authority may take legal action against you.

The school registers are monitored by the School Attendance Officer on a fortnightly basis and has to report any poor attendance to the EWO and the Local Authority. As a parent / guardian you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends school.



## *How can parents / guardians help?*

- Do not take holidays within term time.
- Do not take long weekends which results in your child losing Fridays / Mondays.
- Always tell us where your child is. Let us know straight away through a phone call.
- If you are struggling to and need help – let us know.
- Always engage with the school so that we can support you. Sometimes children are ill and they cannot help being absent.
- Always attend attendance meetings if requested. These meetings are meant to be supportive and to ensure that the school is aware of any issues.
- Work with us because we only want the best educational opportunities for your child.

*Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world.*

Nelson Mandela