

Medical Appointments (e.g. Doctor, Dentist & Optician)

Please attempt to make any appointment for dentist, optician and doctors outside of school hours. If a school time appointment is unavoidable please ensure that your child attends school before/after the appointment. Medical evidence should be provided for all appointments.

Persistent Absence pupils

The Government and local Education Authority view school attendance regularly and whether **authorised or unauthorised** if a pupil's attendance drops below 90% they become classified as a Persistent Absence (PA) pupil. If a pupil becomes a PA pupil, YBA may take legal action through our Education Welfare Service (EWS) dependant on the reasons for absence.

THERE IS A RISK THAT, FOLLOWING SUPPORT, PARENT/CARERS MAY BE FINED



Holidays / Leave of absence

Only in exceptional circumstances are schools allowed to authorise leave of absence for a holiday.

Please make an appointment with our Head Teacher, Mrs A Slinn, to discuss any holiday/leave of absence requests.



And finally....

Under the **Education Act 1996**, parents and carers have a legal duty to secure their child's regular and punctual attendance at school.

As well as being a legal requirement, it also ensures your child has access to the best start in life and that they are able to benefit fully from the education they're entitled to receive".

Any legal action will be taken by the ESW service



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School Attendance What parents and carers need to know

There's no time like the present, and no substitute for being present.

There are three ways to contact school if your child is absent....

1. Ring our Attendance Officer (Mrs Jan Williams) on **01978 720700 extension 120**
2. Message via EDULINK (please email school if you require login details. Further information about EDULINK can be found on our school website)

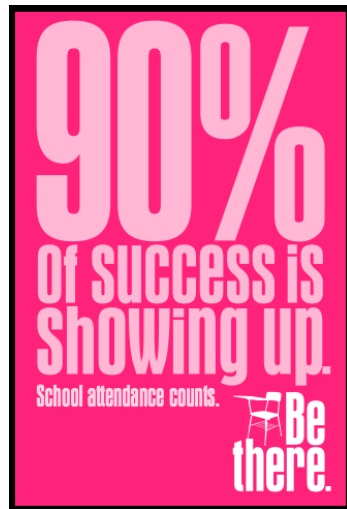
Please contact school before 8.45am to inform us of your child's absence
FOR EVERY DAY THEY ARE NOT IN SCHOOL

The Importance of Excellent Attendance at YBA

Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is both a legal requirement and crucial to a pupil's success. There is a clear link between a high rate of attendance and high achievement. If pupils are not in lessons they cannot learn.

Every lesson really does count.

Statistics show missing 8.5 days (17 sessions) of school in any school year can reduce the success level of a pupil by **1 GCSE grade**.



Absence

There may be a very good reason for absence from school, for example, genuine illness and other medical issues. However, there are many other reasons that cause pupils to have time off from school. If there are any reasons which are causing your child to not attend school, please do not hesitate to contact the school asking for our dedicated Attendance Officer in the first instance, who will be more than happy to offer support.

What absence from YBA means for your child

Where a pupil's attendance is below **90%**, it is the equivalent of missing **19 days** of school = nearly **4 weeks** or **95 lessons** per year!

Attendance below **80%** = **38 DAYS** absence, nearly **8 WEEKS** or **190 LESSONS** per year! At the end of 5 years at Ysgol Bryn Alyn, 80% attendance would result in a student missing **1 whole school year**.

Their education is important to their future. Please encourage your child to attend school!

REMEMBER.....

The Bottom Line

Students are required to attend school for 190 days each year

"School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside".

– Suroshish Mandal

Your child's attendance target at YBA is 96%.

Every day
COUNTS!

AIM for 100%

Please contact our Attendance Team if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's attendance. We are here to help and support!